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Gunmen kili Palestinian policeman

GAZA CITY (AP) - Unidentified, masked gunmen shot and killed a policeman guarding the house of Gaza's chief civil judge Saturday, a police chief said. Brigadier General Ghazi Jabali, head

of the civil police, said three gunmen opened fire at Akram Ahmad as he stood outside the house of Judge Qusai Al Abdali on

Nasr Street and then fled in their white Peugeot. "We're looking for the culprits and we hope to catch them," said Gen. Jabali.

Scores of policemen fanned out throughout Gaza City and set up checkpoints that stopped cars and asked for identifications. It was

the first time that unknown assailants opened fire on a policeman

since the force was set up in the Gaza enclave when autonomy was

established there in May 1994. Majed Abedi, who owns a shop

with pinball machines across from Mr. Abdali's house, said the

three men, equipped with assault rifles, got out of the car and opened fire at the policeman. "When they started shooting, the

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#### King phones Moroccan leader

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#### Austria backs Palestinian rights

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (AP) — A senior Austrian Liberation : Organisation-(PLO) office in Arab East - lerusalem Saturday and said her country supported the Palestinian claim to that part of the city, Israel Television reported. Austrian Secretary - of State for Foreign Affairs ... Benita Ferreto-Waldner met with Faisal Husseioi, the PLO's senior representative naugurate an Austrianponsored day care clinic for alestinians in Jerusalem. Following the meeting at the Orient House, the PLO readquarters in the city, Ms. er-ero-Waldner said Auposition on East Jerusalem.

#### Evans holds Malks in Syria

DAMASCUS (AP) - Autralian Foreign Minister Gareth Evans met Saturday Fujimori fiswith President Hafez Al Assad for talks on the Middle for divorce East peace process and other nternational issues. Mr. Evans also met Prime Miniser Mahmoud Al Zoubi and oreign Minister Farouk Al baraa. Mr. Evans said Frilay he hoped Australia could ontribute to peace efforts recause "a big number of Australian nationals are of

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# Serbs press assault as world ponders how to respond to defiance

Bosnian Serb forces Saturday shelled the U.N.-declared safe area of Zepa, while world leaders dithered on the right response to the growing Bosnian crisis.

As U.N. chiefs met with Serbia's president in Belgrade and France and Britain sickered over how to stop the Serbs' advance, Serb forces Saturday barred aid convoys from the U.N. High Commis-sioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and Medecins Sans Frontieres (MSF) from entering eastern Bosnia-Herzegovina to help refugees from the fallen enclave of Srebrenica, aid officials in Belgrade said.

Four explosions rocked the centre of Zepa town Saturday afternoon as small arms skirmisbes occurred around the enclave, U.N. officials said. However, U.N. spokesman Alexander Ivanko was

Bosnian radio report thar the enclave was under "an infantry and artillery attack from directions. The Serb forces ringing

Zepa have been expected to launch an attack on the enclave since they crushed another "safe area," Srebrenica earlier this week and issued an ultimatum for Zepa's defenders to lay down their arms and told U.N. peacekcepers to leave.

In an effort to avert another catastrophe, the commander of U.N. forces in Bosnia, Lieutenant General Rupert Smith, sent a letter to the Bosnian Serb Army (BSA) commander, General Ratko Mladic, demanding that he "exercise maximum restraint" and not "pursue an

attack against the enclave." He warned an attack on the enclave would "lead to increased international condemnation and isolation" and reminded Mr. Mladic that bis

NATO air power."

Earlier this week, Mr. Mladic's frontline troops shrugged off air attacks and brushed past Dutch peacekeepers into the Srebrenica enclave, another U.N. safe area, which fell in a matter of hours.

The fall of Srebrenica sparked condemnation around the world but again highlighted the disunited approach of the Western democracies to the Bosnian

Diplomatic tensions rose between Britain and France on Saturday following remarks made by British Defence Secretary Malcolm Rif-kind in a morning radio inter-

Referring to recent state-ments by President Jacques Chirac calling for tougher acnon by troop contributors to

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#### unable to confirm a midday PLO, Israel start drafting West Bank accord today

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (Agencies) - Israeli and Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) negotiators will begin oo Sunday drafting an accord on Palestinian selfrule in the West Bank aiming to conclude an agreement b a July 25 target date, a PLO official said on Saturday.

PLO oegotiator Hassan Asfour said four committees negotiating a redeployment of Israeli troops and security arrangements in the West Bank, legal issues, Palestinian elections and a transfer of civil authorities, would meet at a botel in the northern Israeb town of Zichron

"We will start working on tedeployment maps and drafting the accord," Mr. Asfour told Reuters.

"We will do our utmost through intensified negotiations in the coming week to finalise the interim accord in order to meet the July 25 target date," be said. Israeli and PLO nego-

tiators, under tight security, held their first session of marathon talks in Zichron Yaacov on Friday on the second stage of Palestinianself-rule launched io Gaza and Jericho last May. The interim accord,

already one year behind schedule, covers an Israeli troop redeployment from Palestinian-populated areas and elections for a Palestiniao council which would run most aspects of life in the West Bank and Gaza. "In Zichorn Yaacov we set

the agenda for the coming week's talks and we will work continuously to finalise an accord," Mr. Asfour said. PLO officials said although

both sides would try to con-

25, the actual drafting of the accord may extend deyond the deadline.

Another senior PLO official accused Israel of letting the concerns of a few Israeli settlers in the West Bank get in the way of the agreement ro extend Palestinian self-

Saeb Erekat, the Palestinian local government minister, said: "Israel is trying to make us sign an agreement that is designed to please the few settlers dispersed along the West Bank."

'Israel's persistence on this point constitutes the principal gap that separates the two sides on security arrangements" to accompany an Israeli army redeployment away from Palestinian towns, he said at the end of the Palestinian government's

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## King demands world action in Bosnia

AMMAN (J.T.) — His Majesty King Hussein on Saturday urged the world community to put an end to the "heinous crimes" committed by the Serbs against Bosnian civilians and described Serbian practices as reminiscent of atrocities committed before the establishment of the Un-

ited Nations. Addressing ambassadors to Jordan of the five nations which hold permanent membership of the U.N. Security Council, the King demanded United Nations and world community action to halt the "ugly massacres to which Bosnian civilians are subjected at the hands of the Serbian forces, especially in those areas that fall under the control of U.N.

peacekeeping forces."
The King told the ambassadors the escalation of Serbian aggression came as a direct result of the feeble world reaction to their attacks and the world's

apathy towards the tragedy

of the Bosnian people and the serious violations of

their human rights.

"These inhuman practices and the heinous massacres are being committed while the United Nations is celebrating its 50th anniversary," said the King, noting that the world organisation was established to safeguard human rights and human dignity

and freedom and man's

right to secure and stable

The Serbs' practices, the King said, remind "us of

the atrocities against people that used to be committed in the world before the creation of the world organisation," added King Hussein at the meening which was attended by Chief of the Royal Court Marwan

Al Qasem.
The King stressed the need for the United Nations and its various agencies to work towards the fulfillment of their objectives and live up to the expectations of the world community of nations.

Radio Jordan said the King told French President Jacques Chirac on Friday that Jordan would pull out its troops from the U.N. peacekeeping force in former Yugoslavia if no military action was taken to stop Serb attacks against Mus-

ences after five years of

soured relations caused by

Mr. Kabariti, who arrived

here Saturday for the first

high-level meeting between

the two countries for five

years, attempted to draw a

line under the tensions that

surfaced after Riyadh ac-

cused Amman of supporting

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events and to continue our

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lim enclaves in Bosnia "Jordan will withdraw its troops serving with the United Nations in former Yugoslavia if these troops prove unable to fulfil their duty, and if no measures are taken to put an end to this tragedy by reactivating the role of the United Nations and its troops..," the radio quoted the King as

King Hussein also backed Mr. Chirae's "principled and courageous stand" in demanding immediate action to end Serb attacks.

France said on Friday it was giving its Western allies 48 hours to decide whether or not they would join military action to halt Serb attacks. The response from Britain and the United States has been cool.

# Sudan claims Egypt | Kabariti begins

KHARTOUM (Agencies) — Sudan accused Egypt Saturday of starting a new border dispute along the Red Sea, forcing out Sudanese from an area near the northern port of Wadi Halfa.

The official SUNA news agency said Egyptian authorities "have started provocations against Sudanese citizens in the Argeen region north of (Wadi) Halfa and tried to force them to move southwards.'

The agency did not describe the provocations or say whether the Egyptian army was involved.

Culture and Information Minister Abdul Bassit Sabdarat said: "This is a new escalation step by the Egyptian authorities and an attempt to lead a new aggression on Sudanese territory after their aggression on Halaib and their move to drinking water."

Egypt and Sudan have already been involved in skirmishes over their mutual claim to the Halaib region on the Red Sea.

These Egyptian measures are directly targeting the Sudanese people who are ready to defend their land

and integrity," the minister

said Earlier in the week Sudanese President Omar Al Bashir said 100,000 troops were standing by ready to defend Halaib.

But he pledged Saturday that his country would not go to war with Egypt to protect borders drawn up by its former colonialists. "We will not raise a rifle in

the face of the Egyptian soldier and we will not fight for borders created by the coloniser to disintegrate the Arab Nation," he said, quoted by SUNA. Instead, Lieutenant Basbir

those borders." He repeated that the area belonged to Sudan "as proven by international laws and conventions." But he said Khartoum was seeking a peaceful settlement

said: "We seek to tear up

Sudan's spiritual leader, Sheikh Hassan Al Tourabi, called Saturday for the border dispute with Cairo to be solved, after clashes erupted in the region earlier this

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#### week's U.S. peace mission by insisting on early warning stations along their border. A Syrian official said Israel was "proposing conflicting issues such as early warning

stations, preventing any accord on the fundamental U.S. envoy Dennis Ross ended a four-day shuttle be-

tween Israel and Syria and left early Friday for Washington, having failed to set a new date for talks between military experts.

The official said Damascus had not sent its military experts to the U.S. capital "because we refuse to send experts to Washington for tour-"The evasiveness by Israel

proves that they have yet to decide on whether to make peace with Syria. because in the negotiations on security measures, Israel insists on unimportant points, such as early warning stations," the official said. Syria refuses to allow the

stations on its territory, considering it a violation of its sovereignty. But Israel sees them as vital to preventing an attack on its territory from the strategie Golan Heights. "Israel has to give up its

security demands which are contrary to the principles of equality and equilibrium such as early warning stations and the official daily Al Thawra

For its part, Israel blamed Syria for the breakdown in "There is a crisis which has

been provoked by the Syrians, it is serious," Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said in an interview with state radio. He added: "The Amerteans also consider that

Damaseus is entirely to blame for this crisis." "I must say I am very

happy that no one can place the blame on Israel. This . crisis is a Syrian creation," he

"rule out the resumption of Israeli officers."

Kabariti on arrival in Riyadh. "It is a door-opening visit which we hope would help

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DAMASCUS (Agencies) — Syria on Saturday accused Israel of bampering last

iog direct negotiations was: "unacceptable."

Peres said. "Israel said thar it accepts"

Mr. Peres also balked at Syria's demand for "equal security" arrangements and said that if Israel relinquishes control over the Golan Heights it expects Syria to: offer compensation for the security advantage it will ac-

must propose what will be the compensation from a security point of view."

The U.S. State Department sees a potential for Syria and Israel to get

Mr. Burns said he had evening after he engaged in security talks with Syria and

Israeli radio stations Frida reported that Syrian negoto agree to a date to talks

taghdad (AFP) — Iraq voras sa begun to repair dozens of charges and eliconters described

the 1980-1988 Iran-Iraq Many leftists say that they support peace with Israel, but are against what they describe as "unilateral resident Saddam."

By Natasha Bukhari Special to the Jordan Times have called for peace since the partition of Palestine in 1948, the leader of the AMMAN - As expectations of an imminent cabinet reshuffle pick up momentum, politicians and analysts are beginning to discuss the possibility of a

growing restless with their uneasy alliance with the Islamists. Leftist leaders, particularly the communists, charge that government policies have left them with no choice but 10 form and stay inside their 11-party opposition camp which is dominated by the Islamie Action Front (IAF). The disgruntled leftists, however, are not saying under what conditions the left would switch alliances, especially under the current terms of Jordan's

oew attempt by the govern-

ment to win over Jordanian

leftists, some of whom are

peace treaty with Israel. In explaining the nature of their relations with the Islamists and hardline pan-Arabists who are opposed to peace with Israel in principle, leftists say that their alliance with these groups is dictated by the internal situation in the Kingdom as well as the government's "failure" to open up the state's institution for leftist and "democratie" parties.

Jordanian Communist Party, Yacoub Zayadeen. asked in a recent interview Why are we still being thrown in the lap of Islam-

joint stance between the tion, regression in demoeracy and the growing problems of poverty and Politicians say, however,

supports peace enthusiasti-

be doing both itself and the left a favour by co-opting the moderate leftists, especially since official moves Israel, giving penple time to gradually break the psychological barrier, which is preventing them from accepting the new reality of a "warm peace," says a member of the cabinet on condition of This minister believes

that rather than using "shock therapy" to break barrier that have been erected over nearly half a

has created them (Islamists) and the same state is now fighting them. When they were being promoted from one important position to another, we were being moved from one prison cell to another," charges

with the Islamists under a single pact, the communist leadet says that the Islamic movement is now fighting normalisation "under the guise of democracy," which he expects they would discard if they were to assume

Islamists that if they were to form a government, they would also monopolise

#### clude an agreement by July Left move towards centre is a possibility, politicians say Division surfaces in leftist camp over continued alliance with Islamists

and submissive deals that fall short of comprehensive peace in the region. Saying that communists

A former minister says that the "government's intolerance of constitutional prerogative" and its preoccupation with implementing the peace treaty "despite the public's opposition to the hasty pace of normalisation with Israel "bas prompted the Islamists and leftists, who have adopted a general agenda to fight normalisa-

that including figures from the left in any new government set-up will benefit both the image and the popularity of Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker's cabinet, which has come under increasing criticism for "intolerance" of the opposi-

In a recent interview with the London-based Al Wasat magazine, Foreign Minister Abdul Karim Kabariti was quoted as saying that Jordanians are divided into three camps where peace with Israel is

concerned: "A minority which opposes peace in principle, countered with another minority which cally and unreservedly, and a majority which supports rational and slow peace

In agreement with the analysis, the former minister says that "a substantial majority of people are against normalisation. People wanted comprehensive peace in the region as well as different terms for peace... they had a totally different perspective and did not agree with the timing of the peace accord in isolation from the other

Like-minded politicians say that by splitting up the opposition by attracting the leftists, whose position is perceived by some as the closest to that of the majority of Jordanians, the government could achieve two goals: the first would be to pofish its current image as "undemocratic," and the second would be to isolate the Islamists and generally weaken the opposition to the government.
"The government would

towards implementing the peace accord with Israel are under no threat of being hindered," a centrist deputy says. "The government would be able to win over leftists

if it adopts a slower pace in

normalising relations with

century, a gradual approach towards establishing normal ties with Israel would wean people away from opposing peace with Israel. Leftists insist that the state made a major mistake by encouraging and sup-porting the Islamic movement in the past while it was launching a fierce battle against them. "The state

Dr. Zayadeen. Reflecting reservations leftists have about working

"We've heard from some

through diplomatie and

Mr. Tourabi told the

# power and put an end ro pluralism," Dr. Zayadeen

For their part, the Islamists admit that their alliance with the leftists is merely taetical. "We will work together for as long as we agree on rejecting the peace treaty... until a moment a dispute over principles erupts; that's when we will find ourselves biased to our principles, stands and strategies." Islamist Deputy Hammam Said told the

Al Nidaa weekly newspaper in a recent interview. In fact, not all leftisis agree with the communists on the need to break away from their alliance with the Islamists, especially at this stage, where the balance of power in the region is generally perceived as in favour of the U.S. and Other leftists believe the

government has already

attempted to create a rift

between the left and Islam-

ists to weaken the opposi-

tion. "The government has

been trying to convince lef-tists to fight the Islamists, but we refused to succumb

to their attempts," says a leftist leader, also on condition of anonymity. He admits that the left is indeed divided in its outlook towards the alliance with the Islamists, but says, my party has resisted, and will continue to resist, attempts by the government to split and weaken

the opposition. He did not elaborate on what those "attempts"

#### starting new dispute visit to S. Arabia RIYADH (Agencies) — Foreign Minister Abdul

Saud Al Faisal at Riyadh Karim Kabariti on Saturday airport. Foreign Minister Abdul called for Jordan and Saudi Karim Al Kabariti flew to Arabia to settle their differ-

Saudi Arabia on Saturday in

the first such high-level trip since the 1990 Gulf crisis, Mr. Kabariti was received by Sauói Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal. It was possible that King Fahd would recieve Mr. Kabariti.

Reuters reported. "It is time to emerge from the effects of abnormal conditions so we may resume working together," said Mr.

# trade charges

talks," but insisted that Syria; was "raising difficulties." Mr. Peres said Syria's current demand that Israel declare its readiness to withdraw from the entire Golan: before Syria agrees to resum-

> "I don't think that one sidecan ask the other to declare: on the final line of withdrawal (from the Golan) when it is: still at the starting line," Mr.

in principle the idea of withdrawal on the Golan Heights, but to say 'first of all accept everything that Syria demands and only afterward begin negotiations," this is really unacceptable," he

Whoever has the mountain (the Golan Heights) has the advantage." he said. When the Syrians ask us to go down from the Golan Heights, they themselves

together on security issues. spokesman Nicholas Burns said Friday. spoken to Mr. Ross Thursday

Israel. "(Ross's) discussions combined with the recent discussions of the chiefs of staff give us the view that there is a real potential for convergence on key issues relating to security arrangements," Mr. Burns told reporters.

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**NEWS IN BRIEF** 

Russian deputy foreign minister in Beirut

BEIRUT (R) - Russia is interested in reactivating Lebanese-Israeli peace talks. Russian deputy foreign minister Victor Possovalyuk said on Saturday. "We are interested in the reactivation of peace negotiations and in

achieving progress on all tracks, especially on the Lebanese-Israeli track, Mr. Possovalyuk told reporters

after meeting Lebanese Foreign Ministry officials in Beirut.

"Russia has taken several steps to push things towards this

direction through containing the Israeli party and the U.S. sponsor," he added. He did not give details. Mr. Possovalyuk, who arrived in Beirut on Saturday, met President

Elias Hrawi and other Lebanese officials and was expected

#### Rights group says hundreds face unfair trials and torture

CAIRO (AP) - Since 1992. Syria has tried hundreds of political activists, some who bad been tortured or detained for a decade without charge, and handed down sentences of up to 15 years for nonviolence offenses, a buman rights group said Saturday.

The repression was reported despite encouraging signs since the 1991 Gulf war that Syria, ruled by President Hafez Al Assad since he seized power in a 1970 coup, was seeking to improve its human rights record amid Western press-

The government has re-leased thousands of prisoners and eased restrictions of Jews seeking to emigrate, both gestures aimed in part at bettering Syria's rela-oons with the West and opening the door to aid for the country's anemic eco-

But a report by the New York-based Human Rights Watch said that at the same time, the regime has been trying hundreds of activists for vague offenses that include "opposing any of the goals of the revolution.

Defendants are denied fair trials and barred from appealing the sentences, the group said.
"They're sending a

strong message to Syrian citizens that peaceful political action is not going to be tolerated," said Virginia Sberry, an associate director of Human Rights Watch who spent 48 days in Syria this spring to compile the report.

"It's a population where you pay an extremely high price for daring to "issent." sne said in an interview.

The trials have accompanied widespread torture to wrest confessions from suspected activists, the report

Prisoners told the group tbey were subjected to beatings and electric sbocks. One activist said his fingernails were ripped Some detainces said they

were tortured oo the "German chair," in which the victim is tied by the bands and feet to a metal chair with moving parts. The chair's backrest bends backward, extending the spine and putting pressure

Other suspects spoke of the "chicken," a revolving wooden bar that resembles a roasting spit. The victim is strapped to the device and beaten with sticks by

In a response to the report, the Syrian government denied torture was routine and said 40 security officials had been prosecuted for mistreating pris-

A high-ranking Syrian official also acknowledged that some rights have been curtailed, but stressed that the country was still technically at war with Israel despite fitful peace negotiaoons that have dragged on since October 1991.

'We have to enforce some restrictions to ensure the stability of the country and the health of society, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Naser Qadur told Human Rights Watch.

The State Security Court, a three-judge tri-bunal in Damascus, began trying political activists, suspected members of unauthorised political groups and independent critics in earnest in 1992, Human Rights Watch reported.

At times, the chief judge acted as the prosecutor in court sessions that lasted as little as five minutes, the

report said.
"Tell os when you started belonging to the party," Justice Fayez Al Nouri, the court president, asked one Kurdisb defendant accused of belonging to the Kurdish Labour Party, known by the acronym PKK.

It is outlawed in neighbouring Turkey. Two years ago, Syria agreed to stop barbouring the PKK in an agreement with Ankara. What proof do you bave

that you no longer support the party?" the judge asked another Kurdish defen-

The report was released at a time when many consider tight state control of Syria society is being relaxed, particularly after hundreds of political prisoners were freed beginning in late 1991. But Ms. Sberry said after

their release, prisoners are subjected to surveillance, harassment and pressure to become informers. The regime denies them

civil rights for 10 years after they are freed, bars them from working in the bureaucracy — the main source of employment from travelling abroad.

"Repression has not eased, but the tactics have changed," Ms. Sherry said. "Political space bas oot opened in Syria.

#### Cabinet reappoints Abbadi as mayor and names 20 other members of Amman council

on Saturday the Greater Amman Municipality Council who will be running Amman's muoicipal affairs aloog with their 20 colleagues elected last week in the geoeral municipal elections.

The couocil will be led by the incumbent Mayor Mamdoub Abbadi, according to an announcement issued following a regular Cabinet session beld Saturday uoder the chairmanship of Prime Minister Sharif Zeid Ben In addition to Dr. Abbadi,

the list of appointed members includes the governor of Amman, secretaries geoeral of the ministries of

and public works, the Water appointed the 20 members Authority of Jordan, the director general of the Land and Survey Department, the director general of the Amman Education Department, the director general of the Jordan Electricity Company, the director general of the Housing and Urban Development Department, the director general of the Telecommunications Corpo-

ratioo, the director of the Traffic Department, in addi-tioo to Nadeem Muasber, Mobammad Al Jamai, Abdul Majeed Asfour, Hani Al Haj Hassan, Hoda Budeir, Mahmoud Taher, Mohammad Abu Hassan, Haidar Murad and Mohammad Huneiti.

AMMAN (Petra) - The municipal and rural affairs Zeid voiced satisfaction over signed documents of a transthe outcome of the municipal elections and thanked the Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs and all government departments which cootributed to the success of the elections.

In its meeting, the cabinet approved an amendment to the income tax law which will be referred to the upper and lower house of parliament for endorsement. It also decided to appoint

Abdul Fattah Salah as secretary general of the Ministry of Awgaf and Islamic Affairs effective July 19.

In additioo, the Cabinet decided to authorise the Kingdom's Ambassador io At the meeting, Sharif Beirut to exchange the

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port agreement between Jordan and Lebanon and to set up a Jordanian delegation which will travel for Brussels to hold talks with the European union on means of, achieving partnership deals between EU and Mediterranean countries.

The Council also decided to form a specialised delegation to hold talks with Egyptian officials on the prospect of purchasing natural gas from Egypt.
It also decided to set up a

delegation to participate to the meetings of a Jordanian-Iraqi agricultural committee which will convene July 18 and approved Jordan's joining a U.N. agreement on conventional weapons.

#### says it rejoining U.N. process

MADRID (AP) - A faltering U.N. operation to hold a referendum on the future of Western Sahara appeared back on track Friday as the Polisario Front said it would rejoin Morocco in helping to identify voters for the poll.

The Polisario Front, which seeks independence for the former Spanish colony, said the good offices of certain U.N. Security Council members had led it to reverse its June 23 decision to withdraw from the identification pro-

The voter identification halted one day after a Moroccan military tribunal sentenced eight saharans to long prison terms for demonstrating in the Moroccancontrolled territory in support of Polisario and independence.

The initiatives by unnamed countries "aimed at making Morocco immediately reconsider its arbitrary decisions' have restored the group's faith in the process, according to a statement from Polisario's headquarters in Tindouf, Algeria, that was re-leased by its Madrid office. King Hassan II announced July 9 he was cutting the

prison terms from 15 to 20 years to one year. The United States and other counthe trial. Several countries and the U.N. reportedly expressed dismay over the out-

The referendum, originally scheduled for 1992, has been postponed repeatedly because of disagreements over who is entitled to vote on whether Western Sahara becomes independent or a part of Morocco.

Polisario's statement charged that Morocco, is trying to pack the voter list with 100,000 "settlers" from Morocco. The U.N. last August began drawing up the list of voters who will decide the future of the Italy-sized terri-

Some 230,000 people have applied to be included in the list, but the U.N. mission has interviewed less than a quarter of them to deterine if they

The U.N. Security Council last month extended the mandate of its 330-member Western Sahara mission until Sept. 30 and called for a referendum in early 1996, but did not set a date.

#### 3 die, 200 poisoned from chlorine in iran TEHRAN (AFP) — Three people were killed and 200 others were poisoned after inhaling chlorine gas in north-

to leave for Syria later in the day.

em Iran, the official IRNA news agency reported Saturday. Authorities in the coastal town of Astara, on the Caspian Sea bordering Azerbaijan, told IRNA the gas leaked Friday from a Russian-imported tank. The tanks were stockpiled in the courtyard of the town's customs department and were destined for Tehran's water and sewage department. Among the vicoms were many summer vacationers campaing in a part next to the customs department, including several Azerbaijani nationals who were poisoned. The authorities have launched an investigation, although a local official told IRNA that the accident may have occurred because the tanks did not meet safety standards. Chlorine is a toxic substance used for cleaning and water purification, and in concentrated form can be

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#### Iran finds remains of 3,000 soldlers

TEHRAN (AFP) - Iran has found the remains of 3,000 of its soldiers and volunteer milinamen killed during the 1980-1988 war against Iran, the official news agency IRNA reported Saturday. A mass funeral is to be held for 2,695 of the fighters after the weekly prayers at Tehran University on Friday and the rest would be buried in several other provinces on Wednesday, it said citing an Iranian official. It said the remains had been found recently but did not elaborate further. The head of a committee in charge of searching for soldiers missing in action (MIAs), Mir Feisal Bagherzadeb, also said hundreds of mines and other explosives planted during the conflict had been discovered and defused during search operations for the victims. The remains of a total of 20,000 soldiers and militiamen have been discovered since the end of the war in August 1988, he said. Mr. Bagherzadeh added three members of his committee had been killed during the latest operations, which also discovered the remains of several Iraqi soldiers killed on the Iranian soil. He said, however, that the bodies of Iraqi soldiers had not been recovered for "hygienic considerations," but that "further actions" could be taken if Iraq decided to cooperate.

#### Egyptair to sign for 3 Airbus 340-200s

CAIRO (R) — Egyptair, the Egyptian government airline, will sign to buy three Airbus 340-200s next Wednesday, an official of Airbus Industrie said on Saturday, Airbus Industrie will deliver the first two in October or November 1996 and the third probably in June 1997, said the official. "The price is confidential," he added. The three aircraft are expected to cost a total of about \$280 million. Under the agreement. Airbus Industrie will undertake to find someone to buy three old Airbus 300-B4s which Egyptair wants to dispose of, the official said. Egypt is thinking of raising some of the money by issuing bonds on the Cairo market. Egyptair also plans to buy three Boeing 777s.

#### Cyprus' chief pathologist fired on TV

NICOSIA (R) — Cyprus' chief pathologist was fired after television camera in a bospital car park, "It is though the Health Ministry is the private business of every small-town lawyer who becomes a minister from one minute to the next," the British-trained Marios Matsakis said. "He is the most incompetent minister I have seen for a long time. Health Minister Manolis Christofides' voice was shaking with rage as be sacked Mr. Matsokis on Friday for "unprofessional hehaviour," after refusing to perform a post mortem with a female colleague on the body of a woman found murdered on Friday. "The state of Cyprus can live without Matsakis," Mr. Christofides told the private Sigma TV station crew who filmed the incident. 'I'm firing him...yoo are fired Mr. Matsakis.'

#### 3 Lebanese held in Kiev for \$3m ransom

NICOSIA (AFP) - Three Lebanese businessmen have been kidnapped in Ukraine and are being held for a three million dollar ransom. Cypriot police said Saturday after calling in Interpol. Mustafa Ali Bioglou, a Lebanese businessman who holds a Cypriot passport, told police Friday that his son Salah, brother Bassam and an employee Abdul Ali Osman were seized during a business trip to Kiev. Mr. Bioglou said he had spoken to his son by phone and to one of the kidnappers who told him to deposit the three million dollars in a bank account in Washington. The number was faxed to his offices in Limassol, in the south of the Mediterranean island. His son and Osman are both Lebanese but resident in Cyprus, while his brother Bassam holds a Cypriot passport. Police said that Bioglou suspected a former associate who he has accused of trying to

#### Jenin university signs accord of Polisario affiliation with U.S. university By a Jordan Times advice in the establishment of administrative,

Staff Reporter

AMMAN - A Palestinian university in the West Bank town of Jenin has signed a letter of intent of affiliation with an American university, the president of the Jenin university said Saturday. It is the first such

accord to be signed after Palestinian self-rule began in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank town of Jericho in May 1994 and reflected increased confidence that the peace process between the Palestinians and Israel would eventually lead to the realisation of Palestinian independence.

Education was one of the key sectors which suffered severely under the Israeli occupation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip since Israel occupied the territories in the 1967 After the breakthrough

interim self-rule accord signed by the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) and Israel in September 1993, many groups have been formed to set up schools and higher education facilities in the West Bank, but the letter of intent signed last week was the first to formally set up ties between West Bank institution and an American university.

The Arab American University of Jenin (AAU) and the California State University Stanis-



Maher Irsheid

laus (CSUS) signed the documents on Thursday. said AAU President Maher Irsheid. Mr. Irsheid said that

the AAU had already secured approval from the Palestinian National Authority (PNA) to operate as a private university in

Under the letter of in-tent, AAU will connect itself with Internet, the international computer network, development courses and programmes compatible with the CSUS, establish an American language and cultural programme to help students obtain profficiency in English, provide electo resources, and ablue by all university requirements of the CSUS.

In return, the CSUS will provide E-mail access to AAU students to CSUS facilities, offer

development. "California State University Stanislaus is interested in full affiliation with the Arab American University in Jenin and will co-issue certificates and bachelors or masters degrees on behalf of the Arab American University in Jenin," says the letter of intent.

"All parties have agreed that the standards and quality of California State University Stanis-laus must be maintained," The document was

signed by Mr. Irsheid, a former member of the Jordanian Parliament, and Thomas O'Neil, director of the California State University Stanis-

Mr. Irsheid said he expected the AAU to be operational by October 1996 and that the initial cost of the project was around \$20 million.

## Islamists' defeat in municipal polls is significant

Special to the Jordan Times AMMAN - Is the Jordanian Islamists' loss of four main areas of Amman in the recent municipal elections a sign of the group's popular retreat in the capital or does the failure have other indications?

We can safely say that the Islamists main loss was in Basman district, which has always been considered their most important stronghold at the political and grassroot levels.

This stronghold came to light in the parliamentary elections of 1989 and 1993 when three of the Islamist candidates were elected. It is the same district where Islamist candidate Mousa Bantash assumes the leadership of the Islamic Action Front (IAF) party.

The Islamists' defeat in Basman, Tareq, Marka and Naser was a direct result of tribal competition but they achieved success in Ras Al Ain, Bader and Khreibet Al Soug, where their rivals were weaker at the tribal and grassroot levels. In the Basman district.

tribal candidate Khalaf Al Baraiseh received 961 votes against 909 votes that went

to Mousa Hantash and in Marka district Mobammad Irteimeh received 1.826 votes while Islamist Marwan Al Malihi got only 588

Habarneb received 1,121 votes out of 4,660 votes while Islamist Hatem Al Bsishtawi got 408 votes.

In the Khreibet Al Soug,

Saleb Ghasawi, the Islamist candidate, got 1,226 votes out of a total of 4,488 votes and Islamist candidate in Ras Al Ain, Ayoub Abdul Karim, received 1,428 votes out of 6,669 votes.

The total number of votes received by the seven Islamist candidates was 7,611 in areas where 32,889 voters were eligible to cast

The municipal elections could be a real indication of the actual situation, especially as the Islamists exerted all their efforts and mobilised all their forces to support their candidates.

for the Islamists?

overall success in the elections was for the tribal and independent candidates. We have to take into account of the fact that leftists who ran for the Wadi Seer and Ras Al Ain seats as well as nationalists wbo fielded candidates in Wadi Nasser also lost to tribal candidates.

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# Queen Noor distributes awards to ASU graduates

Majesty Queen Noor Saturday distributed diplo-. mas to 196 graduates from the Applied Sciences University (ASU) Nineteen honour students were presented with awards.

In his speech, Acting President of ASU Bashir Khadra said that the ASU. which is owned by the International Arab Company for Education and Development, was conceived during the conferences of Jordanian expatriates.

Queen Noor commended ASU on its diverse educational curriculum and its varied student body, which

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Her Majesty Queen Noor

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which is an independent,

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comprises 29 nationalities, including students from Jordan and other countries of the Middle East, Africa, Europe and North and South America,

ASU was founded in 1991 by Saif Wadi Ramahi. Its educational curriculum includes architecture, pharmacology, ba-. sic sciences, medical sciences, economics, finance, marketing, insurance, hotel management, political science, diplomatic studies, hospital and health administration, law, graphic and interior design, art, psychology, applied social science and literature.

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nied by Her Royal Highness Princess Rania Abdullah, was received by President of the Board of Directors of the International Arab Company for **Education and Development** Haj. Abdullah Abu Khadijeh, President of the ASU Board of Trustees Mohammad Abdul Hadi, the members of ASU Board of Trustees and the deans of

The project, in which Jor-

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The statement also said

that article 12 of the same

law stipulates that any JPA

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Commenting on the court's ruling, JPA President Suleiman Qudah said that

the court has reaffirmed the

decision taken by the JPA

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of Mr. Ansari's case.

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The princess congratulated the RSS on its efforts to serve the Jordanian public and urged the graduates to pursue all efforts to service their country.

Dr. Mohammad Qarioti, dean of the college, outlined the programmes offered at the college noting that the first courses at the college opened in the 1991-92 academic year and that programmes included computer science, economics, accouotancy, banking, scieoce, marketing and data manage-

## Government studying floating of vegetable prices

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Princess Sumaya graduates

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By Lola Keilani Special to the Jordan Times

meet is currently studying the possibility of eoding its policy of determining the prices of fruits and vegetables, leaving the market forces free to decide on

prices. "The government departments concerned with the fruit and vegetable markets are currently studying the matter," said Head of the Agricultural Marketing Organisation (AMO) Dr.

Salem Lawzi. Dr. Lawzi declined to predict when a decision would be made, but warned that according to a preliminary study carried by the AMO, the only party that will benefit from ending the fixing

of prices are the traders. Small farmers and consumers would be the losers, he stated.

Some consumers remember the time when the gov-

ernment decided to end pricing nine years ago. "Prices soared and the government withdrew its decision. Traders monopolised the market and forced their own prices on the con-

sumers." said Muna Musa,49, a housewife. She added that she would ask all consumers to hoycott the fruit and vegetable market if the government went along with that decision.

Another consumer suggested the government should not withdraw from the entire pricing process, but should at least supervise the process.

"For the time being products are abundant in the market, so prices might not increase. But once the market in the Gulf opens up again to our products, we will starve to death," said Jamal Jadeed, a consumer.

Head of the Consumer Protection Society (CPS) Mobammad Obeidat said that 80 per cent of the Jordanian population has low purchasing power. If that decision is taken it will destroy the middle and poor classes in the country, he said.

A gradual floatation of the prices of products may be needed, Dr. Obeidat added, but starting with the less essential products. The five basic vegetables used in Jordanian diet, namely, tomatoes, potatos, garlic and onions, should not be part of such an experiment, he said. Vegetable and fruit traders, on the other hand, welcomed the news of a possi-

ble price floatation. Abu Hassan, owner of Ameen grocery store in Jabal Hussein said that fixed prices had always limited his options, because be could not buy the quality he

needed. Big farm operators say that their products are affected only hy demand and supply not by fixed prices. Quality produce will be more readily available at higher prices. In this scenario, bad produce will entirely diasappear since traders are no longer bound by prices, said Abdullah

Zaben, a farmer. "The fixed prices are there to help the trader against the low power purchasing consumer who buys low quality products and pays according to the fixed prices," Mr Zaben added.

"We do not mind floating the prices as long as the government does not import products from neighbouring countries," said a prominent farmer who asked not to be named.

## WHAT'S GOING ON

The Horse Soldiers' at the American Center at 5:00 p.m.

K Exhibition in honour of Palestinian intifada victims and detainees at Abdul Hameed Shoman Foundation, Jabal

☆ Paintings by Muhannad Bushnaq at Balqa Art Gallery in

# Court rules against | Bread subsidy totals JD 60 million in '95, government says

AMMAN (Petra) - In a bid · distributing 430,000 tonnes to ensure bread remains of flour to hakeries in Joravailable to Jordanian cinzens at reasonable prices, the Ministry of Supply is subsidising flour prices this year by JD 60 million, up from JD 54 million last year, according to a ministry statement Saturday.

Issued in observance of Arab Loaf Day, held each year to highlight the impor-tance of bread-baking across the nation, the statement said that bread will. continue to be subsidised because it benefits low and limited income groups.

At the same time and in order to ensure good quality bread for consumers, the ministry is sending out inspection teams on regular visits to various bakeries to make sure that safe processes are being followed in the baking of hread, noted the statement.

The Ministry of Supply is

dan every year though consumption in Jordan is estimated at 300,000 tonnes, the statement added.

The statement said bakeries throughout the Kingdom adhere closely to the specifications concerning the baking of bread and that the quality of Jordnian bread is considered one of the best in the Arab region The statement noted that

there were noticeable increases in the sale of flour from 12,613 tonnes in the first five months of last year to 13,377 tonnes in the same period this year.

In reference to the shortage in the amount of flour in Jordan as reported earlier by the local press, the statement said that new measures are being followed to control the sale and distribution of flour after it was revealed that flour was being illegally sold abroad. The statement said that control measures and inspections are making a difference and that the ministry has recently floated a tender for the purchase of an addinonal 20,000 tonnes in the next few weeks to ensure more quantities for the market.

According to Abdul llah Hamawi, president of the General Union of Bakeries: in Jordan, there was urgent need for the continued subsidy of flour since it is ai basic food commodity.

Mr. Hawawi denied reports in the press that cbemical substances were being used in the process-of baking bread.

Mr. Hamawi made note of the fact that Jordan was represented at the first internanonal conference on bread which was held in Kansas University in the United

### 'Election of women indicates change in social attitudes'

By Cosima Hadidi Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN - Of the ten women who won seats in the recent municipal council elections, six were memberse nof the Women Committees in their governorates, a clear indication of the success of these committees in creating a political and decision-making presence for women, said Ms. Hiam Kalimat, Director of the General Secretariat of the Jordanian National Committee for Women (JNCW).

While the JNCW is a semi-governmental policy forum on women's issues. the Women Committees in the Governorates are non-governmental executing bodies of several plans of action for women including the National Strategy for Women in Jordan.

.Upon an initiative of Her Royal Highness Princess Basma, and based upon this strategy, 99 women were appointed to themunicipal councils of various governorates in 1994.

"There were three reasons for this move" said Ms. Kalimat, 'to remove the psychological barriers that prevented women from running for elections, to allow communities and local councils to accept the idea of women serving on councils. and to allow women to get in touch with the issues that are important in their communities."

She added that women participated in all council planning and decisionmaking activities. Several of them prepared the 1995 budgets of their communities, and for the first time, environmental issues were put on the agenda of many

During this year, JNCW

identified women who were interested in running for elections themselves or supporting other women, and held intensive workshops for them on democracy, planning, decentralisation and communication. These workshops were held in the North. South and in central Jor-

A one-day seminar was aiso held for the candidates during which they met with experts on campaign management; a parliamentarian was also present wbo shared his experiences in dealing with different constituencies. The candidates were also given advice on how to create a campaign programme and how to deal with any obstacles they may face. JNCW also helped with some of the campaign costs and transportation.

However, the real effort came from women around the women committees which include 450 members in the main committees and 8,000 members in the hranches that exist in aimost every settlement and vil-

lage in the Kingdom. The women in the committees worked very hard in helping female candi-dates," said Rand Hindawi, co-ordinator of the Women Committees in the Governorates. "They divided themselves into working groups, and hand-led all aspects of the campaign from calling people and the distribution of material np to making their homes or offices campaign headquarters and offering their private cars and

phones for the campaign. This consolidated effort led to a very positive out-come, which Ms. Kalimat believes is only the begin-

"Women and men's attitudes have changed with the appointment of the 99 female council members last year. In the elections. women have shown that they can overcome all Obstacles and reach high positions of decisionmaking." she said. "We have trusted their abilities to succeed, and next time 1 am sure that at least onethird of council members

will be women. The women council members who are also members of Women Committees include lman Futeimat, mayor of Khirbet Wahadne, Ailoun Gov-ernorate; Najah Abu Hazeem, Balqa Governo-rate; Amneh Bayaydeh; Karak Governorate; Ibti-sam Ashoush, Karak Govemorate; Fidda Hadidi, Balqa Governorate; and Aisha Ahu salem, Irbid Governorate.

However, the Women. women candidates who were not members of women's committees.

Ms. Kalimat said that the success of women in these elections, the first time for women in Jordanian history, is in large part a result : of the initiative of Her Royal Highness Princess Basma, who not only initiated the JNCW, but was, ! also instrumental in the creation of the National: Strategy for Jordanian; Women and Women's

Committees.

Ms. Hindawi will be giving a presentation at the NGO Forum of the Fourth World Conference on . Women in Beijing in Sep-tember on the Jordanian experience with female municipal council members, which can serve as a model to be replicated by other countries in the re-

scribed as Egyptian provoca-

tions against the staff of its

The ministry complained

diplomatic mission in Cairo.

that Egyptian security forces

had occupied a room at the

residence of the ambassador.

deliberately rammed cars be-

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sed them and their families.

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dispute will he solved

through bilateral means. We

will arrive at a solution." Mr.

Mubarak said at a press con-

In Doha, Qatar, Sudan's

foreign minister said that his

government recently received

a U.S. envoy, apparently for

talks on removing Sudan

from the State Department's.

Ali Osman Taha also said

Sudan wants the Internation-

al Court of Justice to arbi-

list of terrorist states.

ference in Alexandria.

in the crisis.

Mr. Muharak, meanwhile

"There are two nations

#### Sudan levels new charge at Egypt

(Continued from page 1)

Lebanese daily Al Nahar that . the two countries "should open their borders rather than fight over an outline that the colonisers of Sudan drew up themselves."

In an attempt to strengthen its claim to Halaib, Egypt announced last week plans to set up a radio station to keep residents in touch with "the motherland" and the Egyptian government said it would improve services in the area. Gen. Bashir reiterated Sudan's right to Halaih in a mass rally in Port Sudan on

Thursday, saying it was "100 per cent" Sudanese and Khartoum would not relinquish one bit of it. Sudan has also accused Egypt of cutting off the water

and medical supplies to the area I4 days ago but Egypt bas declined comment on all these accusations. The area, which may con-

tain oil, has always been a sore point in Egyptian-Sudanese relations, which reached a historic low after Cairo accused Sudan of plotting the attack on Mr. Mubarak and of training militants fighting to topple him.

Sudan has denied all accusations and warned Egypt not to blame Khartoum for its own problems Khartoum about what it de-

with Islamic militancy. A week after the attack, Egypt's militant Gamaa Al Islamiya claimed responsibility for the attack.

Egypt has, however, continued to attack the Sudanese government and its spiritual mentor, Islamist leader Hassan Al Tourabi, but has also ruled out military action.

After three weeks of verbal warfare, Egyptian informa-tion Minister Safwat Al Sherif was quoted in government newspapers on Saturday as saying Gen. Bashir's government was unfit to rule and had lost its eligibility.

He painted a dismal picture of conditions south of the Egyptian border, blaming it on Gen. Bashir, who overthrew Sudan's democratically elected president in a 1989 military conp.
"The result has been the

complete collapse of the Sudanese economy, the collapse of the infrastructure and the collapse of the components of agriculture and industry," Mr. Sherif said. Mr. Sberif also said the Sudanese government had

brought up the Halaib dispute "to disguise the collapse of the system." Two days ago Sudan's Foreign Ministry protested to

the Egyptian ambassador in

trate its border row with Egypt. -"Sudan seeks to extend

bridges of understanding with all parties, especially America because of its political weight in the world," Mr. Taha told a news conference at the end of the three-day visit to Qatar.

#### Seminar to of vocational training AMMAN (Petra) - The United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural

Organisation (UNESCO) and the Ministry of Education Saturday opened a six-day symposium on ways to upgrade the efficiency of supervisors and instructors of vocational training in Jordan.

The participants, all instructors or teachers in vocational training centres run by the Ministry of Education, will discuss the general vocational training situation, integration of vocational and academic training programmes in schools, new vocational training schemes as well as vocational courses for students in the eighth, ninth and tenth grades.

Addressing the opening session, Ministry of Education Secretary General Izzat Jaradat said that vocational training was introduced in the curriculum of the Ministry of Education towards the end of the 1970s with a view to encouraging students to opt for trades according to his or her in-!clinations.

Noting that the mioistry met with difficulties in the initial stages, Dr. Jaradat said that the problems fac-



Ministry of Education Secretary General Izzat Jaradat Saturday addresses the opening session of a symposium on vocational training (Petra photo)

ranging from lack of sufficient equipment at the worksbops to training instructors.

Dr. Jaradat said that the supervision of vocational training courses is still at its initial stage and that it all depends on the skills of instructors working in close cooperation with the school administration and ministry supervisors.

Meanwhile, the Vocational Training Corporation (VTC) Saturday opened a two-day workshop aimed at raising the standard and efficiency of instructors at VTC cen-

Dr. Ali Nasrallah, VTC director general, said that VTC centres had provided training to 99,000 people over the past 15 years of its life and that these centres had been assisted by more than 4,000 factories and other businesses which offered on-the-job training to VTC students.

The participants will review working papers dealing with field training, developing vocational training schemes; encouraging students to enter the vocational field, vocational training in remote regions and the management of training programmes.

\* Works by Khdeir Shukraji at Ab'ad Art Gallery.

☆ Paintings by Adnah Yahyah at Darat Al Funum.

This time Godzilla

really dies

TOKYO (R) - This time

Godzilla is really going down

for the count. After 21 films

in which the Japanese

science-fiction monster has

died only to rise again, the

makers of bis next film say it

will definitely and positively

and absolutely be the crea-

ture's last rampage across the

screen. Chief producer Shogo

Tomiyama of the Toho Com-

pany, maker of the Godzilla

films, told reporters Saturday that after 21 adventures there

were just no more new ideas

cided to put an end to the series," Tomiyama said. "We

wanted to finish with Godzil-

la while he is still a star."

Godzilla first appeared on the screen in 1954, a giant

dinosaur awakened from a

long sleep at the bottom of the South Pacific Ocean by

bydrogen bomb tests who

sets out to destroy Tokyo.

Tomiyama said in the dine-

saur's last appearance, God-

zilla Vs Destroyer, set for

release in December, the

monster attacks Hong Kong.

The movie, directed by Tank-

ao Ogawara, will return to

the anti-nuclear, anti-war

theme that dominated the

original Godzilla film. Since

then, Godzilla has battled ev-

ery real and imagined high-

technology weapon but has

always returned from the

dead to launch a new attack

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# Aide: Yeltsin is not in danger

MOSCOW (R) — The Kremlin, acting to counter intense media speculation over the health of President Boris Yeltsin, said Saturday that his condition in hospital where he is recovering from a क्रोहिart problem was not

"The condition (of health) hage the Russian president is any dangerous." aide Georgy .3 Satarov was quoted by Inter-ment, Mr. Yeltsin's press serrice said the 64-year-old Rus-

sian leader was continuing to 28 WORK On official papers in his \_\_buspital room. "The president of the Rus-

sian Federation. Boris Yeltasia, following a course of Leatment in the central ုမွင့်nic-hospital. is continuing and work," the statement said. me His work Saturday induded sending a series of documents for ratification to he State Duma (lower Touse), among them a endship treaty with Portugand a deal with Georgia on the status of Russian Border "Cuards in the former Soviet republic.

-c-:Speculation about Mr. Veltsin's bealth intensified -Eriday after it was abruptly chanounced he was staying in thospital next week and callnieg off a trip to Norway plan-ned from July 19. "We don't have to drama-

lise things around the postponement of the visit of the president to Norway," Mr. Satarov said in his comments to Interfax.

22 Mr. Yeltsin, whose bealth and alleged heavy drinking have been the source of conecture for the past two and half years, was taken to hospital with heart pains on July 11 and doctors diagnosed him as suffering from a bloodsupply problem.

Despite early assurances hy the Kremlin that he was recovering, he has not been seen in public since July 11. No television crews have been allowed to film him in bospital.

In a clear move aimed at silencing media speculation that his life could be in danger, ITAR-TASS news agency released a photograph of him late Friday, showing him sitting at a desk in a shortsleeved sports shirt with four

telephones nearby.
Mr. Yeltsin's top aide Viktor Ilvushin was quoted by TASS Friday as saying the strain of office was taking its

He mentioned specifically the Chechenya conflict, the Budennovsk hostage seizure in June and clashes with the hostile Duma where Communists tried to launch impeachment moves. But Mr. Ilyushin said that

while Mr. Yeltsin was "on the mend", his doctors had "firmly demanded that he stay in hospital." He has cancelled all engagements until July 24. Mr. Yeltsin, president of

the vast country of 150 mil-lion people since 1991, faces re-election in June 1996, though be might now choose

not to run again. His bout of ill health comes at an awkward moment for the pro-Yeltsin camp with Russia — beset by economic problems, a bitter conflict in Chechenya and political intrigue - preparing for a crucial parliamentary election on

Mr. Yeltsin, who fixed the election date Friday in a bedside decree, is eager to see a Duma returned that is much less hostile to his policies than the current one which bristles with Communist, ultranationalist and Agrarian opponents.

Opposition party faction leaders began girding themselves for the campaign within minutes of the date being

Ultranationalist leader Vladimir Zhirinovsky, Grig-ory Yavlinsky, head of the bberal Yabloko Faction, and Mikhail Lapshin, who leads the Agrarian Party faction, were among leading politi-cians who announced they would work on their preelection strategy throughout

Meanwhile, Russia's first lady made a rare public appearance Friday and launched a sbarp attack on the press, saying some journalists had acted like sadists in the way they bad covered President Yeltsin's health prob-

Naina Yeltsin, speaking to journalists during a visit to a children's psychiatric hospital, complained of "cock-andbull stories" written about the president.

"If he bas flu, they say he cannot work, if he stumbles, they say he cannot work, she declared.

"I cannot call it anything other than simple verbal sadism," the first lady, who was dressed in a black and white checked suit, said.

Mrs. Yeltsin said she had visited the president and he was "fine". "I arrived first thing and they had put him to work at a table signing documents," she said.

The first lady, who almost never speaks to the press. made a wide-ranging critique of the Russian press, complaining particularly about an article in the controversial daily Moskosvski Komsomolets Thursday.

The front-page report by Natalya Timakov bore the "the president is more alive tban..." a play on a Russian phrase meaning he is more dead than alive.

The report said it was "completely incomprehensi-ble" that Mr. Yeltsin's schedule had not been changed. "Such illnesses cannot be cured in a week," it said.

"I read the article and thought 'how could a woman write' such words? How would she feel if someone in her family was sick and people were saying things like that?" Mrs. Yeltsin said. She said she did not like

talking to the press. "They tell such cock-and-bull stories it is hard to believe." She stressed how hard Mr. Yeltsin's job was, saying he had not had a holiday for four

"He is a human being, so why can't people treat bim like one? Suddenly, as president, apparently he bas to become a metal robot," she

"I don't envy the person who takes the president's seat. It is a hard life," she



Commuters stand before displays at a subway station showing members of the Aum Supreme Truth cult wanted for the nerve-gas attack that

killed 11 people and injured 5,000 others on the Tokyo subway (AFP photo)

#### Japan arrests 21 more cult members sect's Tokyo office earlier

TOKYO (R) — Japanese police resumed raids Saturday on a doomsday cult linked to Tokyo's poison-gas attacks and arrested 21 sect members alleged to be in-volved in the illegal manufacture of Soviet-type automatic

In a new sign of the lethal arsenal the Aum Shinri Kyo (Supreme Truth Sect) was building up in its alleged plans to topple the govern-ment, police said the arrested sect members planned to produce more than I,000 automatic rifles.

The rifles were modelled on the famed Soviet AK-74. designs of the weapon used in its manufacture in the former Soviet Union were the basis for the weapons production. Over the past two months,

LAGOS, Nigeria (AP) -

Forty people, including for-

mer military ruler Gen.

Olusegun Obasanjo, were

convicted in a coup plot trial

that has riveted Nigerians for

the last six weeks, the gov-

The secret trials -- conde-

mned by governments and

human-rights organisations

worldwide - involved 51

military and civilian suspects

ernment has announced.

police have arrested Aum leader Shoko Asahara and dozens of his followers for involvement in the March 20 sarin nerve-gas attack on the Tokyo subway system that killed 11 people and injured thousands.

A police spokesman said the latest raids, which started shortly after dawn, were concentrated on Aum's headquarters in the village of Kamikuishiki near Mount Fuii, southwest of Tokyo.

Police found several fullyfunctional rifles and thousands of parts and hundreds of bullets in two arms factories at the compound.

Investigators believe the weapons programme was controlled by Aum science chief Hideo Murai, who was stabbed to death outside the

40 sentenced in Nigerian coup plot trial

on June 6. after the govern-ment alleged it had foiled a

coup attempt planned for

March against military ruler

Gen, Sani Abacha, who took

power in a bloodless coup in

Critics have said there was

no coup plot and that Gen.

Abacha simply wanted an excuse to round up opponents

November 1993.

to silence them.

this year by an ultranationalist.
They said the weapons

programme started 18 months ago with the purchase of rifle drawings and specialised machinery needed to make parts for the weapon. Police said the cult spent nearly \$10 million in buying

specialised computer-run machinery needed to make high-class weapons. They said judging from the

gun parts found, the weapons programme was in its final stages before mass production began. Police have said the sect

planned to bring down the Japanese government with a campaign of terror that would leave it in control of the country.

ously denied Thursday.

#### Thousands pack Jarre's concert for tolerance

PARIS (R) - Tens of

thousands of fans thronged "We're extremely concentral Paris Friday for an cerned that they may be sentenced to death and hastily executed, as has happened twice in the past following an alleged coup plot in 1986 and a coup attempt in 1990," said Melissa Crow, spokeswoman for the Washington-based Human Rights Watch-Africa. Nigerians expect that those were executed by firing squad in connection with the last three coup trials in Nigeria. Gingrichurges national drug referendum indifference," said French

#### The secrecy surrounding the trials has outraged and concluded Friday..... whose death sentences, are There had been many unconfirmed will be executed human-rights monitors. A delegation of monitors from confirmed reports, that some before their identified are revealed. More than 115 people Commonwealth nations is

currently in Nigeria to in-

vestigate ahuse allegations,

which the government vigor-

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. (R) - Powerful House of Representatives Speaker Newt Gingrich called for a national referendum on legalising drugs in a sweeping speech to fellow Republicans Friday that criticised the Clinton

administration as the most incompentent in U.S. his-The Georgia congressman, who has not ruled out a bid

for his party's presidential nomination, was the first speaker among eight presidential candidates to address the Republican National

committee summer meeting. In the most dramatic initiative by the first Republican speaker of the House in 40 years, Mr. Gingrich called for a national vote on legalising drugs or a tough policy on drugs. He told reporters a vote would he 80 per cent to 20 per cent against legalisa-

Top White House drug fighter Lee Brown called a drug legalisation referendum preposterous, the ultimate in defeatism.

"Drug abuse is an American crisis, not a partisan political opportunity... The political hypocrisy of axing effective anti-drug measures and then suggesting the de-featist alternative of legalisation is apparent enough. Mr. Brown said in a written statement.

Mr. Gingrich's address in Philadelphia outlined a conservative agenda that was against welfare dpendence. tnuched on crime and included an appeal for a balanced budget that preserves the Medicare health programme for the elderly and the social security retirement

Mr. Gingrich also attacked Mr. Clinton and urged the death penalty for drug importers and covert military training for besieged Bosnians.

The conservative leader propopsed that people caught with drugs be required to serve two days of public service a week for a year. Those who miss a day of service should be sentenced to five years in prison, he added. "Second, we ought to say

flatly - you import a commercial quantity of drugs (or the purpose of destroying our children, you will be killed." said Mr. Gingrich. He also criticised the Clin-

ton administration. "We have the least compe-

tent. the least adult, the least structured, the least disciplined, and least responsible administration. I think, probably in our country's hissaid Mr. Gingrich, who is not known for understatement.

hiological accord. ACDA director John Holum denied in an interview with the paper that the administrating had attempted to suppress the publication of its conclusions about the Rus-

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sian compliance. He said the language in the unclassified version was "settled long before that (Republican) legislation appeared. the paper reported.

The paper said he added that "we are not satisfied" with Moscow's claim that its, illicit biological warfare

efforts have ceased. The report said that in the

Russian biological warfare programme "some research and development facilities are being deactivated and many have taken severe personnel and funding cuts.

"However, some facilities, in addition to being engaged in legitimate activity, may be maintaining the capability to produce biological warfare agents.

The U.S. report also said Russia had failed to provide the United Nations with accurate and complete data.

outdoor "concert for tolerance" at the Eiffel Tower by French rock musician Jean-Michel Jarre, staged by the U.N. cultural agency UN-ESCO. Organisers, expected up to 800,000 young people to watch the late-night soundand-light show on France's Bastille Day national holiday, which involved illuminating the Eiffel Tower with laser beams and fireworks amid a multi-media concert with musicians from France, Algeria, Cameroon and the Caribbean. "This concert for tolerance is a cry against all forms of discrimination and intolerance, and a cry against indifference," said French Douste-Blazy, one of the event's sponsors. "When you look at what is happening today in Bosnia, Algeria or Chechenya, it is urgent to get more tolerance out there into the streets," Jarre said. It was the first of a series of concerts around the world commissioned by the Paris-based UNESCO as part of the United Nations Year for Tolerance, he said.

#### Filipinos meet their portaloo

MANTLA (AFP) - A "disposable mini-pee toilet" enabling drivers caught in traffic jams to relieve themselves in the privacy of their own car has come on stream in the Philippines. The ads for the Jingle Bag proclaim: You can have pees of mind in the most unlikeliest places." The campaign, launched Saturday, says the bag can be used by both sexes and once used, the urine inside turns into a gel which can be easily disposed of. "Jingle" is a Filipino slang term for urination.

#### Robbers who set fire to cash iailed

LONDON (R) - Three thicves who set fire to a fortune when bungling what would have been Britain's biggest cash robbery have been jailed for up to 12 years. They attacked a security van containing £11 million (\$17.47 million). But the raid in 1994 went wrong after the gang humed a hole in the van's side and £1.5 million (\$2.38 million) went up in flames Judge David Griffiths, sentencing the trio Thursday at a court in Winchester, southern England, told them: "If successful, you three would have been rich men." he said that stealing such a huge sum 'would have meant none of you would have had to do a day's work for the rest of your lives."

#### land, Maine. New York City vent, said Conrail spokes-NEW YORK (AP) - An hit its bottest day of the year woman Christine Wagner.

oppressive heat wave blamed fir 31 deaths in the काdwest suffocated the east, sending people to penguin exhibits and tanning salons in search of relief. Many people died in

homes without air conditioning. A 68-year-old man who had just bought a fan and refused offers to move was Found dead in his Kahoka, Atissouri, house. "It was 115 degrees (45

degrees Celsius) in there, said Clark County, Missouri, coroner Edwin Wilson. "You would walk ioto that house and then walk outside, and it was like being in air conditioning outside.

The National Weather Service blamed the extreme heat çı a high pressure systen inat was slowly moving east from the western great plains. Forecasters said the heat wave would last through the weekend.

,, "All you want to do is take your clothes off," said Melis-a, Dougherty, a 33-year-old New York marketing researvoer as she walked to work in Firsk stockings and an olive gigen suit and the tempera-Sigre in the mid-90s ahrenheit (35 degrees Cel-

...Record highs included 102 (39 C) in Green Bay. Wisonsin. 100 F (38 C) in Boston and 96 F t35 C) in Port-

PAIKOU COUNTY, China

(R) — In picture postcard green fields. Chinese farmers

were harvesting rice. A short

oistance away, neighbours'

fields and their crops have

disappeared under a giant

Ten days after its heaviest

rains in 100 years, much of

Paikou County in flood-

buttered province lay under

water Saturday, 18,000 peo-

The floods have left three

cople dead in Paikou County

and caused 200 million yuan

(\$24 million) in economic los-

More man 60 per cent of

the county is under water and

1 000 houses have been

wined, with thousands

swamped and 8,000 tonnes of

rice destroyed. local officials

"Sinderlining the extent of

recent flood damage in

Paikou and across swathes of

south and central China, Vice

Premier Jiang Chunyun cal-

ied on officials to tend victims

and ensure sufficient food,

Local officials must deliver

-elief and help farmers with

inancial burdens. "Those

who add to such burdens

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Minnua News Agency quoted

min as saving.
Millions of people have

been hurt by the floods. Hu-

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The floods in south and

more than 400 people killed

and 527 missing.

cothing and shelter.

212 forced from their homes

at 98 degrees F.

IOO F (38 C) at Chicago's O'Hare International Airport, equaling the previous record for the date, set in

Tennessee, opened fire hydrants to help youngsters cool off and the Tennessee Valley Authority churned out electricity at a record pace for a third consecutive day as people kept their air conditioners

In Washington, President Bill Clinton gave a speech in the sunny courtyard of CIA Headquarters, and noted that some in the crowd had sought refuge in the shade.

at the Central Intelligence Agency that if we were giving intelligence awards today, they would go to the people back there under the trees, Mr. Clinton said.

Sixteen of 53 train cars derailed in Atbens, Ohio, about 70 miles (112 kilometres) southeast of Colombus, because temperatures in the 90s Fahrenheit (30s Celsius) caused the track to shift 14 inches (35.5 cms).

Several hundred residents were evacuated briefly because one of the cars leaked a small amount of dimethylformamide, a combustible sol-

central China and widespread

drought in the north have

raised fears in Beijing for this year's harvests. officials say.

stretch as far as the eye can

see, with treetops, the tips of

second storeys of homes

peeping above the surface.

artificial lake as residents re-

turn to rescue their belong-

ings from submerged homes.

toppled by the floods," said

Chen Chunxi, 58, as he puf-

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shelter be shares with several

is still standing but may col-lapse when the waters re-

cede." Chen said.

two, said.

"Our new two-storey home

"The last time this hap-

pened was in 1954," he said.

'1 lived in a straw house then

and it was toppled by

Like many others, Chen

had no property insurance

and will bave to find the

"We left on the morning of

July 5, when the water was up

to our knees." Chen Fen-

ghua, a 35-year-old mother of

"There was no time to

bring our belongings," she

says. "Our one-storey home

is completely submerged

we have lost the harvest."

now. So are our rice fields, so from an earthquake that

rains fell on Paikou county jured, some seriously,

for 48 hours on June 22-23 Xinhua said Saturday.

Officials said torrential has risen to five with 87 in-

money to rebuild himself.

Our one-storey house was

Only boats move on the

telegraph poles and the

In Paikou, flood waters

China floods turn fields into lakes

**U.S.** heat wave death toll hits 31

The simmering weather Temperatures soared to claimed seven lives Friday in Missouri, where four people died earlier in the week, and tbrougbout the midwest, numerous other people sought treatment from the oppressive combination of Residents of Chattanooga, heat and humidity.

The weather was the prime suspect in seven deaths io the Milwaukee area and four more Chicagoans died Friday, bringing the toll there to Kentucky and Iowa au-

thorities each reported two heat-related deaths while officials in Texas, Nebraska and Indiana each reported Two of Chicago's victims

were 3-year-old boys accidentally locked in a van in 100-degree Fahrenheit (38degree Celsius) weather for an hour when a day-care worker took other children inside after a field trip to a mall, authorities said.

A neighbour had a simple explanation for the death of a 68-year-old woman whose body was found in her Kansas City, Mo., home Thursday. "She was poor. She

couldn't afford a fan or air conditioning. And it got really hot," the neighbour said. That's all there is to tell. She died. There are a lot of others in similar situations out

and for five days from July 1

The unprecedented rainfall

and a burst river dike were

mainly to blame for the scale

of the flooding, said local official Yang Fachun as his

small boat weaved through

It would take until the end

of July to pump all the

floodwater into a nearby riv-

er. Yang said. Neglect of China's dikes is

being widely blamed for the severity of this year's flood-

Paikou officials say that

under economic reforms

allowing farmers to grow pro-

duce for their own profit.

many bave lost interest in

collective water projects that

Mao (Tsetung), the local gov-

ernment could set a date and

thousands would go to do

collective projects, for no

money. Most of the big

waterwork projects were

done in that era." one official

"Now, you have to pay farmers to do it," he said. "It

is more difficult. We should

pay more attention to this."

China quake

toll rises to 5

rocked southwestern China

Meanwhile the death toll

"In the days of Chairman

eat their time.

tree tops.

# urges CIA scandal

Clinton

LANGLEY, Va. (R) — President Bill Clinton on a morale-boosting visit to CIA Headquartets, said Friday the U.S. intelligence community must not be paralysed by fear of failure in the wake of the Aldrich Ames spyrscandal.

"It's important that we don't minimise the damage that Ames did or the changes that need to be made to prevent future scandals," Mr. Clinton told employees of the embattled Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), who gathered on the lawn in front of its headquarters in Virginia on an unusually hot

"Aldridge Ames was a terrible exception to a proud tradition of service," Mr.

He referred to the veteran Cl.A employee unmasked in February 1994 as a traitor who had sold vital U.S. secrets to Moscow for nine years, making a mockery of

"As we guard against a repeat of the Ames episode. we have to be careful not to produce a culture so riskaverse that case officers refuse to take chances and analysts are afraid to speak their minds," the president

sentence but the CIA is still struggling to recover from the damage he caused.

# to recover from spy

Clinton said.

CIA security measures.

Ames is now serving a life

of the suspects had already heen sentenced and executed, as has been the case in some past coup trials.

The secret tribunal began

programme.

## China, Russia accused of biological arms violations

#### WASHINGTON (AFP) — A U.S. government report accused China of conducting illicit work in the 1980s on biological or toxin weapons and said it is "highly probable" China is still violating a treaty concerning them.

A classified version of the report also accused Russia of such violations, according to a report in the Washington Post newspaper Saturday. The allegations pertain to the development, stockpiling

or production of such arms as proscribed by the international 1972 Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention. President Bill Clinton signed the report Thursday drafted by U.S. intelligence

and Russia had violated agreement, the paper said. The accusations came in a report on treaty violations that the administration is required to file annually with Congress in both a classified

The unclassified version

was released late Friday by

the Arms Control and Dis-

armament Agency, but the

allegation about Russia was

dropped from that version.

and unclassified form.

agencies that said both China

the paper reported. The unclassified version carried stronger language ab-

out China's biological warfare programme than what the administration reported to Congress last year. The administration only said then that "the United States believes that it is highly probable that China has

not eliminated its BW programme," since declaring, it would adhere to the treaty in 1984, the newspaper said. The paper quoted an unnamed U.S. official as saying the administration used language with a "harder edge" on China this year as a means

with Beijing's refusal to respond to previous complaints about the programme. China has made "some effort to reduce activities of concern." the official said. but it is continuing to conduct biological research for offensive military purposes at two

to express U.S. displeasure

the Chinese military. China has also still not given an accurate accounting of its past germ weapons work in the United Nations. as is required under a U.N.

sites that are controlled by

resolution, the paper quoted the official as saying.

The report against China comes at a time when Sino-U.S. tensions have been on the risc. Washington's approval of an entry visa for Taiwan's president to make a personal trip to the United States in June earned Berjing's consternation.
The detention of Chinesc-

American human rights activist Harry Wit in China in June as well as Beijing's refusal to discuss alleged sales of missiles and missile technology to Pakistan and Iran has angered Washington. The report also said "it is unclear whether Beijing has

broken off its contact with elements" in the Pakistani scientific circles who work on that nation's nuclear weapons programme. The paper reported that the administration officials engaged in intense debate to

state its "finding" that Russia violated the treaty only in the classified version. Russian compliance is at the centre of a controversy. with some Republican lawmakers recently seeking to

condition U.S. aid to Russia

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Burmese military junta still wants key role RANGOON (R) — Burma's ruling military Saturday again tion should be acceptable to stressed the vital role it says it

In an interview with Reuters, the Nobel Peace laureate, who says she has been greatly influenced by her father, national hero General Aung San, said she has always favoured a dialogue with the military to bring about a peaceful transition to democracy.

"I've always asked for dia-logue, but they considered that confrontation," she said. "If they really have the best "The Tatmadaw (armed interests of the nation in mind they should be more conciliatory, they should be willing to make some

moves. "The military should play a so easy all the time. That is role in Burma but it should be acceptable to the people," for a role in future Myanma she said.

The 50-year-old democracy leader, who was unconditionally released from six years of house arrest Monday, said she has become more mature in her dealings with people like the military.

She said she realises now is the time for dialogue and she wants to find a way for both sides to compromise for the best of the country.

"We have to move with the circumstances and times, and change tactics and actions accordingly" she said when asked if she planned to change her previous style of speaking at large railies to drum up support for demo-

"But I don't think the public can ever be ignored," she role in the future of the trou10,000 soldiers. An estimated 145 civilians were killed and thousands wounded in the military adv-

the rebel suicide squad known as Black Tigers, were killed in close quarter hattles, which lasted nearly 10 hours. By Saturday, thousands of troops had re-established their lines and continued a

under military control following the current offensive, begun Sunday. "We are consolidating. Defences have been further strengthened. Search, and

The army's consolidation of the 78-square-kilometre area in the Jaffna peninsula came a day after the rebels launched their biggest counteroffensive since the military

down an airforce fighters that was giving cover to ground troops when rebels staged two pre-dawn raids on newlyestablished defence lines. The pilot was killed in-

stantly when the plane was brought down by a rebel surface-to-air missile, officials said

nel have been killed since the offensive was launched Sun-

most ferocious resistance to the push by government troops, who are just six kilometres away from the northern capital of Jaffna, where the LTTE has its head-

The LTTE had also destroyed a 30-metre bridge just - left the liberated areas.

said. "It's very important I keep in touch with them and

Ms. Suu Kyi was placed

under house arrest in July,

1989, for "endangering the

state" after making out-

spoken attacks on the milit-

ary government. She said she began her

quest for democracy after the

killings began in 1988 when

thousands of people were kil-

led or imprisoned during a

hrutal military crackdown on

pro-democracy demonstra-

shooting started in August,'

Ms. Suu Kyi said when asked when she decided to take up

politics, "because I did not

think this was a healthy sys-

Since her release Monday,

Ms. Suu Kyi has met with

fellow democracy campaig-

ners including recently re-leased Tin Oo and Kyi

Maung, two senior members

of the National League for

Democracy party they found

The National League for

Democracy swept elections in

1990, taking 392 of the 485

contested seats, but the milit-

ary never recognised the elec-

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the official Burmese media,

although the article Saturday

Ms. Suu Kyi's release still

in 1988.

tion result.

"I think it was when the

their mood."

about the bull-run, keenly aware of the dangers of dashing ahead of six fighting buils. The death apparently conviced some people to skip the last run of the festival. While typically about 1,500 people take part each day, several hundred fewer people showed up for Friday's dash (AFP photo)

bowever, the runners stared silently or spoke ph

#### Sri Lankan troops consolidate in seized areas

COLOMBO (Agencies) — Sti Lankan troops Saturday began consolidating in areas peninsula. they seized from separatist Tamil guerrillas as the death toll among combatants in a rebel counterattack rose to at 26, defence sources said, least 82, officials said.

THE LAST BULL ENTERS ARENA: The last hell

rushes into the arena in Pampiona. A 22-year-old U.S. tourist was killed during the running of the bulls, the first casualty in 15 years of the traditional festival. Just a day

after a buil fatally gored the 22-year-old American at the

Pampiona bull-run, hundreds of runners gathered Friday

for the last of the festival's eight daily sprints down a cordoned route to the hullring. Instead of shouts of bravado.

including the pilot of a Tamil Eelam (LTTE). downed attack aircraft, were

95 wounded in Friday's fierce

Another six soldiers\_were yet to be accounted for and army losses were likely to be adding that troops faced a The military here said at force of 500 to 600 fighters of least 20 security personnel, the rebel Liberation Tigers of

"Our troops did very well.



Camouflaged soldiers patrol in an armoured jeep, in an area brought under military cootrol during the current offensive against Tamii Tiger guerrilias in the north. There have been beavy loss of life during the offensive with civilians taking the brunt of aerial attacks (AFP photo)

must play in the country's future while democracy lead-

er Aung San Suu Kyi said the

army's position must be acceptable to the people.

An article published Satur-

day in the state-run New

Light of Myanmar newspap-

er, widely regarded as an

organ of the military govern-

ment, reiterated the armed

forces desire to hold a central

role in any future govern-

forces) responsibilities are

not over with the writing of a firm constitution," the anicle

said. "Translating a docu-

ment into deeds might not be

why the Tatmadaw has asked

(Burmese) political lead-

A new constitution has

been in the works for years

and is being written hy a group of delegates, mostly

handpicked by the military.

One of its objectives calls for

the armed forces to keep a

"leading role" in future

Another section of the new

charter rules out Aung San

Suu Kyi ever becoming lead-

er of her country because she

Aung San Suu Kyi, who

has previously criticised the

constitution and the way it is

being written, said late Fri-

day she thought the military.

and all groups, should have a

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ership.

the face of such a large tera outside Jaffna two days ago, rorist concentration," military spokesman Sarath Munaapparently fearing a military assault on the heavily builtup Jaffna town. In the first five days of the military strike, the LTTE had

harely offered any resistance

to the advance by some

ance since Sunday, according

to officials and civilians who

arrived here after fleeing the

peninsula. Some 300,000

Tamil civilians were also dis-

A total of 554 security per-

onnel have been killed since

the LTTE withdrew from six

months of peace talks on

April 19 to resume its guerril-

la campaign for a separate

state in the northeast for Sri

Lanka's two million minority

The military claims killing

nearly 600 rebels in the same

period but the figure is dis-puted by the LTTE, which

says that fewer cadres had

Housing Minister Nimal

Siripala De Silva said Friday

he had visited most of the

area to find out to what ex-

tent civil administration

could be reestablished after

Liberation Tigers of Tamil

Eelam separatist guerrillas bad been cleared from the

"The most important

priority is the distribution of food," Mr. De Silva told a

news conference, adding that

and other countries should

not hurry to resume aid to Burma, the Yomiuri Shim-

hun said in a report published

Saturday.

In an interview with the

daily Friday at her residence

in Rangoon, the Nobel laure-

ate said countries should re-

sume their aid after "they see

that there is a genuine move-

ment toward reconciliation

and a truly democratic system

of government."
She called on the interna-

rional community not to

overrate the military junta's

"All those who are in-

terested in democratic de-

velopment in Burma should

wait and see what is going to

happen before they decide to

ehange their tactics," she

apart from my release," she

Tokyo welcomed Mon-

day's release of Ms. Suu Kyi

by announcing plans to re-

sume its yen loans to Burma

for the first time since 1988,

when the military junta took power in a coup. Officials did

not say when the loans would

ceived about 10 billion yen

(\$115 million) annually in

official grant aid from Japan.

Jiji Press said Saturday that

Before 1988, Burma re-

"Nothing has changed yet,

decision to release her.

part of the population" had

placed.

Tamils.

inghe said. He said a rebel radio transmission intercepted by the military said at least 62 LTTE men, including members of

search for Tiger guerrillas in dozens of villages brought

elear operations are going on in the area street-by-street," Brig. Munasinghe said.

operation began. Rehels on Friday shot

The Sri Lankan government is rushing in food. medicine, stamps, aerogramphotographers to areas of the northern Jaffna peninsula "liberated" by its army, a minister has said.

At least 55 security person-

The rebel onslaught was its

## Teenager survives 16 days under Seoul store rubble SEOUL (R) - A 19-year-old . check if someone might be in

shop assistant was miraculously pulled from the rubble surviving 16 days without food or fresh water.

One of her first reactions when rescuers bruke through to her in the rubble where over 300 died was embarrass-

Rescuer Ahn Kyurtg-Wook told reporters that the woman, Park Seung-Hyun, had asked him not to shine a torch on ber.

"Don't shine the light on me. I'm embarrassed, I'm not wearing anything. Please get me some clothes," said Park, who worked in the children's clothing section of the illfated Sampoong: Department

Rescuers dag frantically with their hands to get to Park, who had made a weak and plaintive cry to attract the attention of rescuers using heavy machinery to clear .entombment. the site of South Korea's worst peacetime disaster.

"We were clearing away the concrete when suddenly we saw a hule. We stopped all work because we had to an oxygen mask and

that hole," the rescue official

He said the rescue team of a collapsed Seoul depart:
He said the rescue team
ment store Saturday after dug into the dehris for help in a small voice," the rescue official said.

> "Someone answered 'yes." A woman called for help in a small voice," the rescue official said. "I asked her name, and she

answered in a clear voice. She asked what day it was and said she wanted water," be said. Only about 20 minutes later after frantic efforts by a

small army of volunteers she was out, swathed in blanket and her face wrapped in a red towel to protect ber eyes. On admission to nearby St. Mary's Hospital, one of the

first to welcome her back from the brink of death was Yoo Ji-Hwan, who is making remarkable recovery at the same hospital after being rescued Tuesday after 12 days of Television pictures showed

the two holding hands, You leaning over to whisper to

Park's face was covered by

eveshades. Doctors lifted her mask so that she could reply, smiling shyly as she

"She told me she had no food and water, not even rain water. It's amazing," hospital bead Kim In-Chol told state television. Park was hadly dehydrated but otherwise in

fairly good condition. Park was reunited at the hospital with ber stunned parents, who could scarcely believe her safe delivery from the store ruins where 332 people are still posted as mis-

The official death toll so far stands at 306, making it the worst disaster in the peacetime history of South

"I don't know if this is real or a dream," said her father Fark Jae-Won. "Many days had passed, but I never gave up hope. I never thought of my daughter being dead," he

"It's a miracle," said her mother Koh Soon-Young. Rescuers had earlier believed there was another survivor near Park, but their

hopes were dashed when in-

stead a dead body was retrieved from the area late: Saturday.

The rescue was staged underneath a collapsed elevator shaft, the same area wher two long-term survivors have already been dug out — Yoo last Tuesday and parttime shop assistant Choi Myong-Sok last Sunday.

Choi shouted with joy as he watched television pictures of Park being pulled from the rubble.

"Hey, that's Seung-Hyun who worked in the children's department," said a delighted Choi, who is well on the way to a full recovery from his nine-and-a-half-day

At the Sampoong site, Park's rescue boosted the frail hopes of relatives who are still waiting for news of their loved ones after the June 29 disaster.

"Let's pray for more mira-

cles," said one grimly. "As days go by, hopes for my daughter fade, but Park!s rescue makes my heart heat. again. I wish a miracle can happen to my daughter." a mother told reporters.

#### Kashmiris extend hostages deadline by 2 days

SRINAGAR, India (R) — Kashmiri militants holding five Western hostages said Saturday they had extended the deadline to execute their captives by two days, until Monday, following appeals by Amnesty International.

.The little-known Al Faran roup, in a written statement to Reuters in Srinagar, said the hostages would be killed if India does not release jailed Muslim militants by

"Al Faran has decided to extend the deadline to kill the hostages by two days," it said hours after releasing a picture of the two Britons, an American, a German and a Norwegian they abducted in separate incidents last week.

The picture showed the five captives squatting in a row in front of snowcapped Himalayan Mountains, surrounded by eight partially masked gunmen training their Kalashnikovs on them.

London-hased human rights group and several unnamed Western governments had appealed for the release of the hostages. "Where were these

saviours of human rights when thousands of Kashmiris were being killed by Indian troops and their human rights were heing violated," Al Faran asked.

It had earlier threatened to kill the hostages by Saturday

The statement said the evening if India did not free the group's jailed colleagues

> The female partners of the Westerners held by the Kashmiri separatist abductors appealed afresh Saturday for the freedom of the five kidnapped men and said the guerrilla group would be held

responsible for their safety.
The appeal to the Al Faran group came as the clock was ticking away to the Saturday evening deadline.

#### Poll: Hong Kong wants independence or link with U.K.

Most people in Hong Kong would prefer independence, or to maintain the current

link with Britain, rather than to become subjects of China in 1997, a poll showed Satur-Just over half of the 647

people surveyed by the Hong Kong 1997 Transition Project of the Baptist University here, said they would prefer either independence, to re-main a British colony, or to maintain a protective affiliation with Britain rather than to join China. China will resume

sovereignty in Hong Kong in 1997 after 150 years of British

Michael DeGolyer, director of the project, said the proportion preferring either independence or a continued link with Britain had remained constant at around 51-52 per cent since February 1993 when the project first

in Hong Kong cannot be considered 'patriotic' by the standards Beijing uses to define patriotic," Mr. DeGolyer

In recent years, China has been exhorting "patriotism" among the six-million mainly ethnic Chinese in the territory in order to effect a smooth transfer of sovereign-

Mr. DeGolyer said the wrangling between Beijing Hong Kong Chinese and 12 and London over the past per cent as Hong Kong Brit "A good half of the people , two years concerning Gov-

ernor Chris Patten's unilateral democratic reforms in the territory could have been the reason for the loss of confidence in the future in the public mind.

The survey also showed that only 20 per cent of respondents regarded them-selves to be Chinese, while 36 per cent think of themselves as Hong Kongers, 33 per cent referred to themselves as

#### Maverick Russian general to run for parliament

TULA, Russia (AP) — Alexander Lebed, one of Russia's most popular generals, who quit the army last month after a feud with his superiors, said Friday he would run for a seat in Russia's parliament this fall.

Gen. Lebed announced his decision at a meeting with voters in Tula, an industrial town some 200 kilometres (124 miles) south of Moscow. where he once served as an airborne divisioo commander, the ITAR-TASS news agency reported.

whether he would enter next spriog's presidential race, in which he is widely considered a possible contestant.

A nationalist with a ferocious scowl and deep, rumbling voice, Gen. Lebed, 44, has seized the limelight by lambasting incompetence and corruption among top army brass. He has also criticised the handling of the war in Chechenya.

His reputation as a tough commander and his out-

Gen. Lebed refused to say spokenness have made him popular among troops, and his acid remarks about Defence Minister Pavel Grachev and President Boris Yeltsin have made him a media star. He once called Mr. Yeltsin "a minus" for Russia.

Gen. Lebed submitted his resignation in May after Gen. Grachev ordered him to sbarply reduce the 14th Army, which he headed. The army ended a civil war in the hreakaway Trans-Dniester region of Moldova, a former Soviet republic, and made Gen. Lebed a national hero. After Mr. Yeltsin accepted the resignation last month; Gen. Lebed immediately began a political career, taking up the post of deputy chairman of the Congress of Russian Communities, a minor nationalist party dedicated to protecting the 25 million ethnic Russians in neighbouring countries that were once

Many observers predicted. the party could do well with Gen. Lebed in its ranks.

part of the Soviet Union

#### Delays may reverse Angolan peace — Dos Santos

LUANDA (R) — Angolan President Iose Eduardo Dos Santos has told U.N. chief Boutros Ghali the country's fragile peace process could collapse if thousands more U.N. peacekeepers were not

deployed soon.

Mr. Dos Santos said at a function in honour of the U.N. secretary-general Fri-day night that the world body played a crucial role in the peace process aimed at en-ding Africa's longest-running conflict.

"I'd like to ask the secretary-general for his personal emphasis on the deployment by the end of August of the promised U.N. blue helmets," he said.

The implementation of the peace accord signed last November hetween the Angolan government and Jonas Savimbi's UNITA rebels is running five months behind schedule and only 2,000 of the planned 7,600 blue-helmeted U.N. soldiers

have been deployed. Dr. Ghali, on the second day of a visit to asses the peace agreement was due to fly to Bailundo in the central highlands Saturday to meet Mr. Savimbi, who diplomats said had refused to go to the capital for security reasons.

Mr. Dos Santos said the U.N. peacekeepers had to be



U.N. Secretary-General Boutros Ghali (left) and Angelan President Jose Eduardo Dos Santos raise their glasses to drink a toast to

peace and democracy at a dinner held at the presidential residence in Luanda (AFP photo)

"Unless these aspects are immediately addressed, even further delay may interrupt the continuum of the process resulting in its possible reversal," Mr. Dos Santos said.

The U.N. chief said after arriving in Angola from Rwanda that the nearly 20 years of conflict which killed more than 500,000 people and divided the Angolan people were now over.

"I'm very happy that the conflict that divided this country is over and reconciliation and the construction of peace will serve as an example in other countries at war in all of Africa and the rest of the world," he told

UNITA officials said they hoped Dr. Ghali's visit would help speed up the deploy-ment of the U.N. peacekeep-

Delegations from the two sides met Thursday to discuss the numerous violations of the ceasefire since the peace accord was signed in Lusaka last November.

A UNITA official said the government had requested Mr. Savimbi not to travel to the capital Luanda to meet the U.N. chief.

We are not to engage in political activities as an official party until there is the global incorporation of the two armies - Dr. Savimbi

would be asked to speak in public, and that could be construed as political," the official said.

Dr. Ghali is also due to visit the battered central highlands city of Huambo, UNITA's headquarters until it was evacuated under government siege last year, and the coastal port of Lohito, logistics centre for U.N. peacekeeping operations.

The government and UN-ITA have been at war virtualsince independence from Portugal in 1975. A previous accord collapsed after UN-ITA lost U.N.-supervised elections io September 1992 and went back to war.

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### Right decision

NEW ZEALAND'S decision to take its dispute with France to the World Court to adjudicate Paris' decision to resume nuclear testing in Asia's South East region is not likely to convince French President Jacques Chirac to go back on his word on the subject. Still, the submission of this question to the International Court of Justice would offer an important platform for the perusal of this question from all its angles. The court is likely to examine the complaint within the context of not only the recently extended nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT), but also within the framework of other conventions related to environmental protection and the preservation of the global eco-system. President Chirac has reversed a decision by his predecessor, Francois Mitterrand, on this highly controversial policy and is committed to conducting nuclear tests as a final step before France could ratify the new NPT. Still the international community has a vested interest in having this question reviewed in a multi-dimensional manner.

A well reasoned court ruling on the subject could be used by the community of nations to end the proliferation of testing on a global level. We cannot but be sympathetic to New Zealand's quest for a full judicial review of nuclear testing for the noble purpose that transcends France's imminent nuclear weapons testing.

#### **ARABIC PRESS COMMENTARIES**

A WRITER in Al Ra'i daily Saturday discussed Saudi-Jordanian relations and said that the time has come for Riyadh and Amman to open a new chapter in their ties following five years of tense relations resulting from the Gulf crisis. Sultan Al Hattab said the coming visit to Saudi Arabia by Foreign Minister Abdul Karim Kabariti is expected to pave the way for a restoration of normal ties and the start of a fruitful phase of bilateral cooperation. Paying tribute to Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh for his mediation between Riyadh and Amman, the writer said that the Yemeni leader has been instrumental in mending fences and in paving the way for the foreign minister's visit to Riyadh which, according to the president, was keen on restoring normal ties with Amman. The numerous challenges facing the Arab World at the moment and the common interests of Saudi Arabia and Jordan are making it incumbent on the two countries to reconcile and embark on joint efforts to protect the Johnson Arab interests. - 14-d

the writer. The writer sale and solution in the writer and give impelus to joint Arab efforts. adding that the foreign minister's coming visit to Riyadh will be part of these efforts to safeguard Arab interests.

COMMENTING ON the situation in Bosnia following the recent Serbian aggression and the displacement of tens of thousands of Muslim inhabitants, a writer in Al Ra'i said Brench President Jacques Chirac stands out alone among world leaders in not only condemning the barbarous attacks but also in demanding that prompt action be taken to put an end to Serbian aggression. French defence minister described as brutal the Serbian attacks on the civilian population stressing that the U.N. peace keeping forces failure to stop the attack was a hard blow to the United Nations and the Western democracies, said Ahmad Misleh. The writer said that though France has been saying that it cannot just look on and do nothing against the Serbian behaviour, it is not capable of launching an offensive on its own to bring about justice to the Bosnian people unless it is backed by the NATO alliance. International legitimacy was a deceptive phrase that was used so often by the United States to protect Israel's aggression on the Arabs and the war against Iraq, and it is clear that such a phrase is not applicable to the Serbs, added the writer. Sunday's Economic Pulse

# Public sector on borrowed time

THE MAIN function of the Water Authority of Jordan (WAJ) is the production of a vital commodity for sale to the public, just like any other factory or extraction enterprise. Yet, the WAJ does not publish an annual report or reveal a balance sheet or a profit and loss account. Therefore, even a concerned citizen like myself knows nothing about its financial position and has no idea about the volume of its financial losses and its good or bad management, let alone its outstanding debt

All that we know fot sure is that the authority is a big loser. It operates at a huge deficit, and it fails to provide proper services to the public. Half the quantity of produced water is lost, somebow, before it arrives to the subscribers. WAJ is reportedly aware of water theft from its network, but it keeps silent to avoid beadache with the influential violators.

In several occasions, a suggestion was offered that the WAJ should confine itself to producing the water, while other private sector companies may buy it in bulk and sell water to the subscribers in retail, through their own properly maintained networks, just like electricity. Each time such snggestion was offered, the pro-public sector band would make a great noise, in defense of the status quo. Public sector lobby would invoke the security of the WAJ staff and the interests of the poor subscribers.

Last week, the WAJ obtained yet another hefty syndicated loan for JD 15 million, under the unconditional guarantee of the Treasury, to pay its overdue commit-ments. Borrowing from banks became a toutine practice repeated every year just to pay commitments including interest on previous loans and disbursements to contractors, i.e., to cover the annual deficit incurred by the authority, which gets bigger and bigger every year.

As a matter of fact I am surprised and disappointed that

our banks agree to finance such a losing project, which lacks competence and refuses to correct its position, just because the banks will have the Treasury guarantee. Supposedly, the guarantee is meant to be the last line of defence not the first. Banks should have made their loan conditional on a programme guaranteeing the ability to repay the loan. Instead, banks agreed to throw more

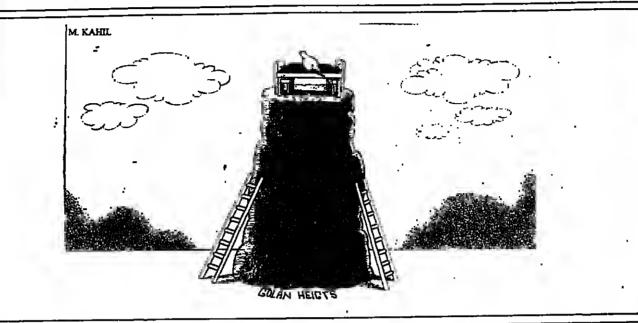
money to sustain bad management.

It takes an insider to find out the real volume of indebredness of the WAJ, but it is in tens of millions of

JDs. Very soon, all the current proceeds by the WAJ will hardly be enough to pay the accumulated interest on loans, let alone the operating expenses or the repayment of principal.

It is the Ministry of Finance which made this nonsense possible. The purpose of the ministry is to avoid covering the WAJ's annual deficit in cash as it is required to do. It is a game meant to deceive Parliament and the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and make them believe that the deficit of the budget is shrinking according to plan, while all that the finance administration was doing was to cover up losses of public sector enterprises and defer payment to the

A responsible government should cease to buy time and postpone solutions. Government guarantees should not be granted just like that. They should be included in the budget and added to the deficit. No guarantee should be extended unless it is pre-approved along with the budget. The Council of Ministers is not constitutionally authorised to make financial commitments outside the limits of the budget, even though the maturity will fall in future years.



# Kuwait putting off the inevitable

By Charles Hoots

THE CONSEQUENCES of the Guif war are being felt more than ever in Kuwait. Looming economie difficulties and political infighting have joined forces to ensure that critical decisions, from industrial to foreign policy, are put off as long as possible. The Al Sabah family, which has ruled Kuwait since independence from Britain in 1961, is reluctant to implement an austerity program-me whose bardships will provide ammunition to an increasingly bold National Assembly, for which elec-tions are scheduled for Septembet 1996.

The most urgent problem facing Kuwait is a budget deficit totalling an esti-mated \$4.8 billion in fiscal year 1994-5, which ends in July. Next year's budget is believed to allow for a deficit of \$3 billion, though some economists in Kuwait say this is based on optimistically high oil prices for the next year. Adding to the economic burden is repay-ment on a \$5.5 billion syndicated loan taken out by Kuwait following the war. The first payment is due in July. The government has also borrowed \$90 billion from the Kuwait Central Bank, "with flexible repayment terms," according to Kuwaiti offi-

It is no secret among Kuwaitis what needs to be done to eliminate the budget deficit by 2000, which Kuwaiti officals profess is their goal. Put-ting an end to subsidies in the service sector, privatisation, raising customs duties, imposing a capital gains tax,

possibly even an income tax, all of thes will mean a reater financial burden on Kuwaitis in the sbort-term. As a result, the emir, the finance minister and the National Assembly are hesitant, fearing a political backlash. A recent World Bank report recommends that Kuwait reduce its public expenditures and impose taxes. But on Feb. 15, the assembly blocked a bill to tax public services, and end subsidies on petrol, water and electricity. And despite plans by the government to privatise some 64 companies in which it bolds controlling interests by 1998, in hopes of raising \$12.8 billion, little progress has been made towards this goal. "Our economy is a pampered welfare state, which the government can-not see itself giving up." says one Kuwaiti business-

man. "But by waiting, they

are only putting off the inevitable, and making it much harder when the time does come.

#### Fall-out from the stock exchange crash

Indicative of Kuwait's overburdened welfare state and the political considerations that fuel it is the Difficult Debts Settlement Programme, stemming from the 1982 Suq Al Manakhk stock and politicians, some from the roling family, lost a total of \$20 million when Kuwait's unregulated securities exchange collapsed af-ter rising to giddy heights on the back of post-dated cheques used to pay for

In order to save Kuwaiti banks, which had loaned most of the money lost by investors, the government purchased the banks' debts related to the Manakh crash (thereby acquiring many of the 64 companies now considered for privatisation). A plan was finally put forward in 1993 giving debtors two choices. They could have their debts reduced by up to 60 per cent, depending on the amount owed, payable within two years; or they could pay the entire debt over a period of 12 years. Over 90 per cent of debtors cbose the first option, and must pay up by Sept. 5,

As one Kuwaiti economist close to the emir admits. it is obvious many of the debtors will not be able to come up with the money by the deadline, in which case they will be declared bank-rupt." And even if they could, many of the funds would come from real estate and equity invest-ment that would be liquidated at the last minute, wrecking havoc on local markets. Instead, says the adviser, further compromise will have to be made on the debts, which be thinks will entail "extending the first option another two or three years, and extending the second option from 12 to 20 years." As such, the government can write off nearly \$8 billion in debts it expected to recuperate in September. Many Kuwaitis have taken their money out of the country, waiting to see just how tough the government will be on the debtors. This capital flight will dampen confidence in the government's ability to push through a successful privatisation scheme, according to some obser-

While the government ponders ways to reduce spending and increase re-

Kuwait's foreign assets dissipate to alarming levels. The Reserve Fund for Future Generations, managed, through the London-based Kuwait Investment Office (KIO), has assets of some \$25 billion, down from a high of \$100 billion before the Iraqi invasion, after which it was used to finance the Knwaiti government-in-exile in Saudi Arabia. With no other resources to cover the deficit, or payments on the \$5.5 billion loan, the finance ministry is dipping into the reserve fund to cover shortfalls, leaving some government officials fearful that assets such as a 13 per cent stake in Getmany's Daimler-Benz, 20 per cent of Metallgesellschaft A.G., and 24.5 per cent of Hoechst will be liquidated to pay the bills. While KIO officials deny

made at government level. But even without such a blow, the KIO, which commanded the respect of financial markets around the world in the 1980s and early 1990s, has its share of problems. According to a member of the National Assembly's finance committee, KIO bas registered only 3.5 per cent annual growth over the past three years. Admittedly, a management resbuffle in 1992 was anything but smooth, and some insiders say former key managers "actively tried to frustrate the new management." The resbuffle came after years of bickering and petty jealousies back in Kuwait, culminating in the removal in March 1990 of the architect of much of KIO's success,

this is their intention, the

decisions are likely to be

Fuad Ja'far. Difficult political climate While Kuwaitis are aware that steps are desperately needed to arrest the declining economic situation, the political climate militates against decisive action. To placate popular opinion following the Gulf war, the emir, Sheikh Jaber Al Sabah, permitted elections for the 50-member National Assembly, which he had dissolved in 1986. The various "groups" (political parties are forbidden in Kuwait) represented in the assembly, from socialist-oriented nationalists to mercantile interests to the. more conservative Islamic movements, hardly form a consolidated opposition to the ruling family. But they have become more critical over the past two years.

The latest attack came in April, when the assembly leaked a report accusing the

defence ministry of corruption and incompetence. Tens of millions of pounds were spent during the 1980s and early 1990s for over-priced aircraft and complicated artillery that collected dust in Knwaiti warehouses, never to be used. In addition, following the Gulf war, mine-clearing contracts were in some cases given to the highest bidder, rather than the lowest. Some assembly members say openly that Kuwait's defence expenditure is not based on the country's based on the country's needs, country's needs, but instead on bow much commission certain officials can get from a particular deal. They are insisting on stringent oversight on all future defence purchases, which the government is resisting. The government will be hard pressed to justify its supplementary defence procorement budget of \$10 billion earmarked through

With talk of Al Sabah family members profiting personally from defence and civil contracts, the emir finds the moment less than opportune to call on Kuwaitis to make sacrifices with an austerity programme. The indecision engendered by the wave of public criticism feeds on itself, as the government buries its head in the sands of bureaucracy as an escape. And National Assembly members, determined to maintain their popularity with constituents, are equally reticent to support ansterity measures. As a result of the political

and economic quagmire, Kuwait's policymakers are neglecting such important topics as relations with Iraq. The international community and many Kuwaitis, albeit in private. are coming round to the idea that a more constructive policy is needed to-wards Iraq, where U.N. sanctions are seen as afflicting hardship not so much on the Iraqi tegime as on ordinary Iraq citizens. The days when Kuwait could buy its way out of trouble are over. While it continues to pay its debts from the Gulf war, it is unlikely Kuwaiti could pay fot a Western force to repel another Iraql invasion if needed. Getting its economic house in order and laying the groundwork for healthy telations with a post-Saddam Iraq must be a priority for Kuwait, no mat-tet how painful a pill it is to

Middle East International

## Bosnia: Time to end the failed international effort

By Jim Hoagland

WASHINGTON - The Serbian missilemen wbo shot down Captain Scott O'Grady's F-16 over Bosnia committed attempted murder and got away with it. After a month, there has been no American retaliation for an act of treachery that once would have brought the heavens down

on its perpetrators.

Understand why the American government swallowed this humiliation (with even a serious denun-ciation of the Serbian politicians in Belgrade who oversaw the shoot-down) and you understand why the international effort in Bosnia has failed so miserably — and why it should now be terminated.

A line has been crossed in Bosnia, a line that separates humanitarian impulse from moral rot; a line that divides ineffectiveness from dishonour. The United Nations is now on the wrong side of that line, protecting the Serbs (and the status quo) from retaliation for having downed Captain O'Grady and for killing. wounding, imprisoning and Spanish, Danish and othet soldiers operating in Bosnia under the U.N. flag.

This can only undermine U.S. and European support for keeping those troops there and continuing an arms embargo against Bos-nia. It is now embarrassingly evident that in Bosnia and elsewhere U.N. 'humanitarian" operations are guided by bureaucratic dedication to career and organisation. There is no room for justice, or for outrage over the Serbs' long record of arrocity and betrayal, in the mandate of Yasushi Akashi.

Two straws break the U.N.'s back: 1. Mr. Akashi, the Japanese diplomat who represents Secretary General Boutros Ghali in Bosnia. actively blocked French and British efforts to form outside the U.N. command a rapid reaction force to

sinke back at the Serbs

after hundreds of

peacekeepers were taken hostage by the Serbs and

then released in June. The rapid reaction force will be under Mr. Akashi's control and will observe the same peacekeeping rules imposed on the 22,500-man international army already there. Mr. Akashi promised the Serbs in a secret letter disclosed to reporters by

the Bosnian government. The new troops, like the old troops, will not be permitted to make distinctions between Serbian aggressors who have "ethnically cleansed" Muslim territories and the forces of the U.N.-recognised Bosnian government trying to regain its lost lands.

If Mr. Akashi has his way, the United Nations will go on equating Serbs who blockade food shipments with Bosnians who blameless for this. starve because those ship-

2. Following Captain O'Grady's escape, Mr. Akashi, backed by France and Russia, vetoed any new bombing raids on the Serbs. The U.S. Air Force was denied the chastising effect of retaliation and the preemptive protection of taking out Serbian anti-

aircraft missile batteries

that are linked to computer

networks controlled from The chilling hostagetaking changes nothing, except to make the United Nations command even more timid. The murder attempt on Captain O'Grady changes nothing except to end effective enforcement of the flightexclusion zone over Bosnia. Score in this exchange: Serbs everything, United

Nations notbing.

That is galling, but it is now probably too late to

"You have to respond immediately." Senator John McCain of Arizona, a fighter pilot in Vietnam and prisoner of war for five and balf years, told me. "I don't think you can retaliate a month or two later and expect to have any

But Mr. McCain also made this telling point: "We made a mistake in not publicising the fact that this shoot-down could not have happened without the Belgrade computers the missile batteries are hooked up to. Instead the administration is constantly sending an envoy to negotiate with the Serbian president. Slobo-dan Milosevic — suspected by some in U.S. intellgence of having given the orders both for the downing of the F-16 and the grabbing of

the U.N. soldiers. This is how moral rot spreads. The United Nations once served as useful political cover for the major powers, who wanted to limit their own involvement in the wars of ex-Yugoslavia. The administration was right to try to minimise the dangers of rupture within NATO over a unilateral U.S. lifting of the arms embargo against Bosnia.

But the war has now reached a point where the value-free U.N. equation of Serbs who are willing to kill with Bosnians who are willing to die cannot be sustained and cannot be allowed to spread deeper into the Clinton administra-

Americans will not long support humanitarianism based on self-serving bureaucranic cynicism and fear. For better or worse, American participation in the arms embargo will soon come to an end and NATOmember troops will come out. The war is going to get bloodier. And the bureaucrais of the United Nations, who now pursue policies that profoundly off rend a common sense of justice and decency, will not be

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RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil

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barrier that divides the world of comfortable apart-

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bill, the visitor needs a

guide - and the blessing of

Today's guide is a boy of 11, "little blackie," who

lives on the hill. He wears

sandals and red bermudas.

His bead is shaved clean

Permission to enter Dona

Marta must come from

Tamanero, the trafficker

who operates a \$50,000-a-

month cocaine business

from a hilltop bideaway

equipped with Uzis, AR-15 assault rifles and grenades.

Tamanero hasn't been

seen on Rio's streets since

1991, the year he killed his

way to the top of the drug

gang. A network of "olheiros," lookouts, pas-

s his decision in whispers

cown the maze of alleyways

"Let the visitor pass."

Little Blackie's father.

Miguel, is a "fogueteiro," a

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others to a police raid. He nods once to his son, who

"Come with me, sir,"

says the boy. He bounds up the con-

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spokesman said.

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Dona Marta appears on

city maps in light green, as if it were a park. There is nothing to indicate its labyr-

inth of alleys, its 2,500 homes, two barbershops,

video rental store and 40

Its shanties are bunched

"biroscas," family stores.

so tightly that neighbours

pass borrowed items from

window to window. There

are no secrets, no privacy:

Music blares out onto

streets ironically named: Peace and Quiet Street,

Rising Sun Lane or Silence

Lanc. Houses stay open day

and night. There are no

Little Blackie explains:

"This is the safest place in Rio." he says. "If you

rob a house or rape a girl, pal, you pay for it." He

draws a forefinger across-

light world where police are bandits and bandits police and residents tiptoe a line between the two. Dona Marta's 12,000 residents are mostly black or of mixed race, often barely able to read, grateful to find

work for \$1 an hour. The hill is ignored by politicians, except at elec-tion time, Police, too, rarely go to Dona Marta except for a cut of the drug profits. Two-fifths of Rio's 6.5 million inhabitants live bere and in other hillside slums where 'fear' and prejudice isolate them from the

'asphalt'city' below... Little Blackie scampers up the steps past snoozing dogs, chicken droppings, running sewage, and on past a Roman Catholic church with its windows up and down its concrete

"See how the bullets went in?" says Little Blackie, putting a forefinger in one of the boles. "The shots came from down below. It was the cops. They came last week trying to scare money out of the traffick-

Traffickers, it seems, have their own ways of In an alley behind the keeping the peace. One teen-ager was caught stealchurch is a small stretch of ing a handbag-a gang mem-ber poured acid on bis Dona Marta's prized real estate. Jair Mauricio, an palm. A drunk who didn't employee of the state elecpay his beer rab had his tric company, lives there in a three-house with running nails pulled our. Bullet holes riddle a conerete wall topped with barbed wire. The boy explains the holes:

"Those are left by the gang when they execute an enemy," he says. "They line them up, shoot them, then pitch their bodies over the wall.

The law the maffickers. enforce above all is the code of silence "The bandits respect us,"

says Suely De Oliveira, a housemaid who supports seven children. "You just have to respect them back and not get in their way. The traffickers sponsor

dances and a youth soccer team. They distrubute clothes and often pay bills for unemployed parents. Young boys, called "air-

planes," who run cocaine to customers can make \$500 a week, quite a sum in a country with a minimum wage of \$110 a month. A "manager" can earn many times that, and Tamanero offers a nice "retirement" plan: He pays for the bu-rials of traffickers killed by police and gives their fami-

lies lifetime pensions. Jorge Luis Dos Santos is and rinsing it in a bucker.

getting ready to pour the foundation for his new house. His old shanty burned down when a neighbour's cooking gas canister exploded and set fire to 47 shacks. The city promised to build new homes, but never did.

A Brazilian army helicopter flies low over a Rio slum as part of a campaign to crack down on illegal trade in arms and drugs (AFP photo)

. Santos turned to the only

belp he can get.
.. "I got some savings, and I got some more money to buy materials from the boys up top," says Santos, 32, a plumber, motioning to the top of the bill where the traffickers have their hide-

"Sir, I know what they do isn't right. People down below make a fuss when you mention the traffickers. But they're helping me. God bless me, I say. God bless them.

The path suddenly opens on a breathtaking view of Guanabara Bay, pearl beaches, sugarloaf, and the Christ the Redeemer statue atop purple Corcovado

Mountain. "You should see it at night," says Inacia Rodrigues De Lima, 53, scrub-bling her laundry on a rock

"It's so pretty, you sometimes feel closer to God." For years, Brazil pushed a falsely Romantic image of

Rio Slum: A world of violence,

solidarity, horror and hope

its slums as cradles of carnival, samba and poor-butbappy people. That misconception got a boost from the 1959 movie 'Black Orpheus" set against a

backdrop of Rio carvinal. Climbing higher, Little Blackie points out a drab house. "The residents"

association," he says. A man as thin as a gras shopper sits on the stoop. He is Jose Luis De Oliveira. or "Ze" for short, the third associación president since 1991. His predecessors

were shot to death. Ze ushers his visitors inside. He blows the dust off . his desk and couch, then plops himself into a chair. On the wall behind him hang faded pictures of John Lennon and Che Guevara. "Welcome to Bosnia,"

Just then, two young men in purple bermudas climb up the alley, each bran-dishing a 9 MM automatic pistol. They nod at Ze through the window. Ze explains that soldiers and

police began raiding Rio's slums in March to strangle the drug trade. The traffickers are jumpy and suspect

all outsiders. The sky roars and the walls sbake. An army helicopter hovers above, looking for traffickers. Outside, children squeal and jump up and down.

"As T was saying," Ze goes on, "this is all a big show. A whole army isn't going to stop the traffickers. You know, the coke doesn't grow here, and the guns aren't made here. They're the flower of a weed that has roots down

below, in the city. Ze, a bigh school graduate who worked as a gardener, sidewalk salesman and delivery boy, took over as association president in the summer of 1993 when his predecessor was

executed. "Big Chico," the husky president of the residents' association and "Heguinha," his secretary, had broken the code of silence by informing on the gang. It was no surprise to residents when a group of men with guns appeared

one night at the door of a

bar where the couple sat

over beers. "The gunmen filled their mouths with shots," whispers a portly, old woman named Gloria who was at home in her shack 3 metresaway from the shooting. She never saw the killers,

she swears. Ze is the fixer in this fevela, of slum. He distributes mail, takes phone messages, posts job offers, organises samba dances.

"Somebody's got to do these things," he says. 'Otherwise, people will have to rely on the trafficers for everything.'

Left to their own devices. Dona Marta's residents have come up with imaginative ways of coping with deprivation.

A web of white vinyl tubes that crisscrosses the slum, rooftop to rooftop. It distributes chlorinated drinking water from a tower atop the hill to 80 per cent of the homes.

From the outside, Dona Marta at night looks like a thousand points of light on a black mountain skyline. Few "cariocas," or Rio residents, realise that taxpayers are footing the bill.

No one pays for electricity in Dona Marta. Residents just tap into power

Years ago, it was not uncommon for the Favela's children to be locked away in closets or chained for hours at a time while their parents were at work.

In 1986, a 6-month-old boy strangled to death with a rope used to tie him to his working mother's bed. The women of Dona Marta de-

pipes, sacks of cement, concrete mixers and tools up the bill, and, with the help of an American priest, built the slum's first day care

day, 850 infants and cbildren receive meals, classes in music, painting and spelling, and share a huge gym mat for their afternoon nap.

The top of the hill is the worst part of Dona Marta. The stench is heavier, the shacks are mud and snicks, the alleys narrow. The steps disappear and the path turns mucky.

Fernandes leaos against a rock face with a challenge painted on it in Portugueses: Enough of hepanns. Let's fight it."
"At dusk the rats come

area is full of disease, and those rats are part of the

along the edge of a steep, bald, slope. Years ago, a tropical storm swept a dozen buts thousands of yards down the hill, some

It is said that after the storm passed people saw the image of St. John the Baptist walking along with the slope. "From then, on, residents, called the Eavela 'Santa Marta.' Only ontsiders still call it Dona Marta,'

Dusk is falling as Little Blackie leads the way down the alleys. The sweltering deat retreats defore a fig

Lamps flicker on. The smell of black bean stew, boiling cabbage and fried rice and bananas drifts in the night air. Radios are muted and shadows soften the hard edges of Dona

Marta. Little Blackie stops at the bottom of the hill. He turns

"Sure. Why not?" The boy shrugs. "Not many people do."

#### Serbs press assault on Zepa

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water and electricity.

the U.N. mission in Bosnia, Mr. Rifkind said: "President Chirac bas so far given a lot of fine words but no propos-al. We all share (his) desire to see effective action but the real question is what kind of action could help.

French Defence Minister Charles Millon meanwhile alled for a multinational orce to defend Gorazde and Sarajevo, seeking British, U.S. and German participarion in the force.

The defence minister said the objective of such a force would be twofold: "To deal with breaking the siege and assuring the safety and freedom of movement in Sarajevo" and to "assure the survival and freedom of the Gorazde safe haven."

Mr. Milloo said France was prepared to contribute its rapid reaction force (RRF) contingent to the multinational force.

Mr. Millon, speaking on French radio, said: "The response of our allies to the call for a meeting (in London next Friday) has already been positive.'

"This should be done relatively quickly," Mr. Millon said, noting that Srebrenica had already fallen.

Bosnian Serb forces detained nine Dutch U.N. peacekeepers after overrunning the last U.N. observation post in Srebrenica, U.N.

peacekeepers in Serb hands

Thousands of men and male teenagers from Srebrenica have been seized by the Serbs and taken to unknown. locations, and there were unconfirmed reports of killings

and rapes.
The U.N. failure to protect Srebrenica infuriated the Bosnian government, which pledged its lightly armed troops would defend Zepa and Gorazde, if it too is attacked.

Thousands of refugees chased out of Srebrenica were bused out to the northern government stronghold of Tuzla where they have spent cool nights and sweltering days in the open with inadequate food and sanitation. The Bosnian governmenr blamed the United Nations for the exodus.

Srebrenica, Zepa and-Gorazde are the three Muslim enclaves along the Serbian border in eastern Bosnia. The fall of these areas would give the Serbs ao uninterrupted swath of territory runoing from the Serbian border to the block of government-held land in central Bosnia.

The situation improved Saturday for the refugees in Tuzla. The government, which at first refused to cooperate with the United Nations in attending to the refugees, opened shelters to accommodate 11,000 people. At the U.N.-controlled airfield, where the thousands bad initially converged, 700 tents were erected for another 5,400 people.

The danger of disease, such as diarrhoea, spreading among the refugees was great, the World Health Organisation said. UNICEF said it will launch a vaccinanon campaign in Tuzla next week against polio, measles, tuberculosis and diphtheria.

The U.N. Security Council on Friday coodemned the mass deportation from Sreb-. renica as "a clear violation of... human rights," but did not say it would do anything to stop them.

France has failed to win backing for its demand to use force to reestablish the Srebrenica "safe area" and defend others. U.N. officials on the ground dismissed the idea as unfeasible.

Russian Vitaly Churkin held talks with Bosoian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic in Pale Friday. The 'foreign minister" in the rebel Serbs' self-proclaimed government said Saturday that Mr. Churkin aimed to win guarantees that the Dutch peacekeepers seized by the Serbs in Srebrenica and hundreds of others surrounded at their, base north of that "safe area"

would be freed. "We pledge that in the next few days the Dutch will be free to go wherever they want," Aleksa Buha said. In the past, the Serbs have only made such promises in exchange for something. Over 300 U.N. hostages taken after airstrikes against Serb targets in May were freed after the Serbs reportedly won assurances of no more

That pledge was broken with last minute attacks against Serb tanks around Srebrenica, but the air strikes failed to halt the Serb offen-

Thorvald Stoltenberg, the U.N. envoy now responsible for Bosnia, was expected to meet Serb leaders on Satur-

### Kabariti begins Saudi visit

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break the ice and restore ties," a Jordanian official told

Officials cautioned against expecting a dramatic change but said they hoped Mr. Kabariti's trip could lead to a summit meeting between His Majesty King Hussein and King Fahd this year.

The Saudi foreign minister told AFP: "This visit will allow us to review all questions relating to bilateral relations and the situation in the Arab region." The two ministers, who

met in March in Cairo on the sidelines of a meeting of the Arab League when they agreed the visit in principle, went into a meeting immediately after Mr. Kabariti's arrival. On Thursday, King Hussein said he hoped the visit two countries will restore would be "a step towards establishing solid relations" between the two countries.

In a departure statement to the Jordan News Agency, Petra, Mr. Kabarin said that Jordan hopes the visit will open a new chapter in relahons between the two sides. noting that he will hold with Prince Saud "serious talks that will be characterised with candidates in order to lay the basis for a fruitful dialogue which Jordan hopes

will continue at all levels." This dialogue, he added, is needed to pave the way for a future relationship based on clear principles stressing that the two sides have strategic issues and common interests to discuss.

Expressing hope that the

their normal relations soon, the minister said the time had come for normal ties to be resumed.

"Abnormal reladons had existed doe to abnormal situations which have now. disappeared," he said. 'We hope that the visit will

herald a new beginning on the long road of cooperation' and coordination between Saudi Arabia and Jordan and will pave the way for meeting by officials from the two countries for the best interest of their people," said Mr. Kabariti in his statement.

The minister, who is ecompanied by two Foreign Ministry officials, was seen off by the charge d'affaires of the Saudi Arabian embassy in

#### Israel. PLO to draft deal today

(Continued from page 1)

weekly meeting.
Israel warned Saturday that negotiators faced a tough task in hammering out a deal on extending self-rule by July 25 after missing an earlier July 1 target date.

There is still a lot of work.

especially in writing the accord, and we will have to be creative to solve issues as important as water-sharing," Israeli Foreign Minister Sbi-mon Peres told Israeli radio. The issue is even more important because Israel, the West Bank and the Gaza

is why we have to find a solution to prevent waste water from polluting drinking water," he added. A foreign ministry official said the open-ended talks would go on until they

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reached a full accord. "We will do our best to meet the deadline," Dr. Erekat said. "But the substance of the accord is much more important than the date at the top of it."

"We are going to try to leave nothing outstanding and find guarantees for the continued redeployment of the Israeli army," he said. Mr. Peres said Israel was

issue, but wanted to maintain control of the vital resource. "When it comes to water, there can only be one conductor," he said.

ready to negotiate the water

#### **NEWS IN BRIEF**

#### Turkey appoints new public works minister

ANKARA (R) - Turkey on Saturday appointed Halil Culhaoglu as public works minister to replace Erman Sahin who quit his post on Friday over a row on bureaucratic appointments. The appointment was made public in the official gazette, Anatolian news agency said, Mr. Sahin and Mr. Culhaoglu belong to the junior coalition partner social democrat Republican People's Party (RPP). Mr. Culha oglu served as public works and tourism minister in previous coalition governments but lost his post earlier this year after Hikmet Cetin took over as RPP chairman. The coalition, formed in 1991, has been hit by a series of cabinet resignations and squabbling between its social democrat and conservative wings in recent months.

#### Italian senators urge end to Iraq embargo

ROME (R) - Italian senators presented an all-party motion on Friday asking their government to press for the end to a four-year U.N. trade embargo on Iraq because of its tragic effects on the Iraqi people. The trade sanctions, which include a ban on Iraqi oil sales, were imposed following its invasion of Kuwait in 1990: The motion. signed by 42 senators, said the embargo caused alarming poverty and hunger among Iraqis who needed extra humanitarian aid quickly. The U.N. Security Council has yet to give Iraq a clean bill of health on fulfilment of Gulf war ceasefire term which include the scrapping of weapons of mass destruction.

#### U.N. experts inspect Nicosia bastion works

NICOSIA (R) - United Nations military experts on Friday inspected a building site in Turkish-held Nicosia which the Cyprus government suspects is being used by the Tutkish Cypriot community to boost military fortifications. The eight-member team of experts sent by the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus (UNFICYP), toured the Rokkas bastion on Nicosia's medieval walls for three hours at midday Friday as a helicopter hovered above the site. An aeroplane from the Turkish army also flew over the area. UNFICYP officials refused to state the result of the visit. The military experts reported directly back to chief of mission Gustave Feissel. Cyprus's Greek-run government has protested to the U.N. Security Council over the works which they believe violate a 1989 disengagement agreement banning military activity in that area and several others of capital Nicosia:

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# **UAE** pursues energy expansion

ABU DHABI (AFP) — The the output capacity of Bab said development plans United Arab Emirates field to around 350,000 bar-(UAE), one of the biggest oil producers, has completed a major expansion of its energy sector and more projects are underway, an official report

The projects in 1994 in-cluded drilling development and exploratory wells, and stepping up water and gas injection, said the report by the Abu Dhabi National Oil

Company (ADNOC).
They also included maintenance of existing fields and expanding the use of the more advanced borizontal drilling technique.

"The emphasis during 1994 continued to be maintenance, upgrading and modernisation of oil production and water injection facilities," the company said in its 1994 report.

Production operations for crude oil, water injection and gas supply were performed safely and efficiently throughout the year in both the onshore and offshore areas, and (we) achieved all crude oil production and export

targets."
ADNOC said it had just completed a project to boost

**Trillions** owed

in back wages

MOSCOW (AP) - Russia

could face a wave of strikes

and social unrest over the

mounting back wages that

companies owe their work-

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The daily Trud said 12 mil-

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rels per day (bpd) making it one of the biggest offshore fields in the world.

Development also covered the Northeast Abu Dhabi fields of Rumaitha, Shanayel and Al Dabbiya. Another offsbore field, Shah, was being developed to produce around 63,000 bpd wben commissioned in late 1996.

Work is also under way to upgrade production at the Sahil oilfield to 55,000 bpd in 1997 and 75,000 bpd in the year 2004, said ADNOC, which controls the UAE's energy sector along with foreign partners on a 60-40 basis. Further development studies are also being carried out oo the lower Zukum field, it

"Regarding the Upper Zakum field, plans to upgrade power generation, gasoil separation and water injection facilities are continoing at year-end, with commissioning of new facili-ties planned in the first quarter of 1995."

would increase the UAE's crude output capacity from around 2.3 million bpd in 1990 to nearly 2.6 million at the end of 1995 and three million bpd after the year

The UAE bas spent an average \$1 billion a year on oil expansion since 1990 and billions of dollars were expected to be pumped in coming years. Most of the projects were carried out by the two main operating firms, ADCO and ADMA-OPCO. which are shared with Japanese and Western part-

The UAE's current output is estimated at 2.16 million bpd, making it the fourth largest producer, in the 12oation Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) after Saudi Arabia, Iran and Venezuela.

Energy development in the UAE also covered gas, with a major project progressing on schedule, according to ADNOC.

The Onsbore Gas De-The report provided no figures on cost or overall production, but oil executives of 1995," it said. "It will tripple the capacity of the existing gas processing plant at Habshan to 55.9 million cubic metres of natural gas per day while condensate recovery will be increased to 130,000 bpd and natural gas liquid to 5,900 tonnes per

TOKYO (AP) — Japan and

the United States concluded

air cargo trade talks Saturday

without resolving their differ-

ences, and Japan suggested

taking the dispute to cabinet-

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tiators from both sides were

unable to overcome their dif-

ferences during three days of talks, and Japan recom-

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vice-ministerial talks, a U.S.

Washington now must de-

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The air eargo dispute flared shortly after U.S.

Trade Representative Mick-

ey Kantor and Japanese

Hashimoto agreed late last

month on improving access to

Japan's auto market. The

issue had caused years of

trade tensions between the

world's two largest economies, and vice ministerial talks had reached an impasse.

Japan triggered the air

route fraces by refusing to

grant U.S. carriers new

routes that stop in Japan be-

fore continuing to other Asian nations. Japan says a

1952 accord unfairly allows

U.S. carriers' many more such

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terparts are permitted from

rade Minister Ryutaro

embassy official said.

level negotiations.

Another project completed was the expansion of Umm Shaif gas output to supply an additional 19.5 million cubic metres of natural gas per day to ADGAS after completion of its Das liquefaction plant to double capacity to five million tonnes per year.

The report said drilling op-

erations gained momentum in 1994, with around 15,000 metres drilled onshore and 13,000 metres spudded offshore. A total of 66 wells were drilled, including 17 horizontal wells while a similar number of wells were maintained.

"In addition to achieving all production and processing targets, ADNOC sold all its oil supply for the year and increased overall export sales of refined products." ADNOC general manager Yasuf Omair Ibo Yusuf wrote in the report.

GENEVA (R) — World airports recorded steady growth six per cent for a total of in passenger traffic in the first 132.2 million, and North quarter of 1995, with Pacific Rim countries leading the way, and a strong surge in cargo movement, according

lion Russians, or nearly every fifth worker, have not been paid on time. About onethird of them have not received their salaries for more than two months. "Non-payment of wages

even for one month, not to speak of two or three, places the workers' families in a critical situation," the news-

Official figures showed back wages totalling 6.44 trillion rubles ([\$1.4 billion) as

The hardest-hit, according, to Trud, was the machinebuilding industry, followed by the cost mining, constructison and agricultural

spheres. The largest amount of debts - 518 rubles - was recorded in the Tyumen region of Siberia, the heart of Russia's oil country, followed of Keemerovo, the state Statistics Committee said in a report released earlier this

Among other such leaders; the daily Izvestia on Friday cited the regions of Irkutsk and Chelyabnisk in Siberia, Primorye in the Far East, Tatarstan. Yakutia, Bashkort stan. Kaliningrad and

"Russia is again threatened with a wave of strikes and social conflicts linked to back wages." Izvestia said. "The decline in real-term earnings and the current growth in prices of food and goods are sharply aggravating the situa-

Trud warned that the back wages crisis was a powder keg that might yet explode during parliamentary elections next

December.
"The 5.7 million unemployed, the 12 million who have not received their salaries, the 45 million who live helow the poverty line \_\_ all that is not the best background for the upcoming elections." it wrote. The newspaper added that the government was too quick to report signs of economic stabilisation.

The total amount of back wages grew seven per cent since June, roughly in line with inflation. But in May, debts jumped 10 per cent, faster than the 7.9 per cent inflation rate.

The government, possibly seeking to counter any labour unrest, asked parliament on Thursday to raise the minimum wage by 26 per cent from the present 43,700 rubles a month (about \$10).

Although few workers are paid the minimum wage. It is used as a basis for calculating other salaries and social benefits. Approval of the step therefore might ease ten-

Separately. Trud on Friday reported delays in the payment of pensions due to irregular money transfers from the government to the

state pension fund. Recently, the Finance Ministry allocated the fund 300 billion rubles in government promissory notes, while the total federal debt to it exceeded two trillion rubles.

# World airports report first quarter traffic surge

to a report recently issued. The Geneva-based Airports Council International (ACI) said figures from 430 airports showed six per cent more passengers passing through than in the first three months of last year and 12 per cent more cargo.

Although the figures: indicated slightly slower growth over the period than for the whole of last year and for January 1995, airline analysts said they confirmed a firm emergence by the industry from five years of recession. Leading the passenger

growth in percentage terms was the Pacific region which for ACI includes Australia Japan, South Korea, Hong Kong, South-East Asia and the North American airports of San Francisco and Vancouver.

These recorded a collective per cent for a total of 77.6 million passenAmerica was third with 5.8 per cent for 240.3 million.

ACI officials said the slightly lower growth rate compared with eight per cent for the whole of 1994 and nine per cent in January was largely explained by easter, when holiday travel booms, falling in the second

quarter this year.
In cargo, Latin America
and the Caribbean returned a 22.5 per cent increase over the period from a relatively low base to 720,913 metric

The officials said this reflected the rapidly growing importance of Miami Airport in Florida, counted by ACl in the Latin American and Caribbean region, as a gateway and main hub for both passenger and cargo traffic to and from the area.

Apart from Brazil, few countries in the region made more than partial returns. Mexico, Argentina and Peru

provided no figures at all.

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States) 9.7 per cent to 5.2 million tonnes.

includes India and Pakistan, Sri Lanka and the Middle East — recorded passenger growth of 3.6 per cent to 15.2 million and a cargo increase of 11.2 per cent but to a

hub for traffic within the North American region, remained the world's busiest passenger airport with just under 15 million people passing through between January 1 and March 31 - and increase of eight per cent.

top passenger airport outside North America — was London's Heathrow with 11.8 million The pacific showed a crease of 6.4 per cent.

#### THE Daily Crossword by Janet R. Bender

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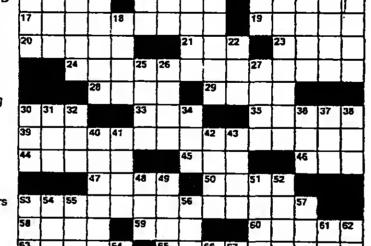
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#### PISCES: (February 20 to March 20) Study your environment well

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#### U.S.-Japan aviation talks bolster economy in Gaza break down on third day

the United States. Washington has threatened sanctions on Japanese flights but has not specified them or set a deadline. Kyodo news service re-

ported that the sanctions could be waged as early as next week, and that they would likely be in the form of ban on certain Japanese flights that pass through other Asian destinations before landing in the United States. Japan has said it would retaliate.

negotiate directly with U.S. Secretary of Transport Federico Pena after further Express seven new routes from Japan to the Philippines, Malaysia, Singapore and Taiwan, demanding that cide whether to try to aven a potential trade battle, or the 1952 accord be renegoti-

> already violating the accord by allowing more passengers for Asian points to embark in Tokyo than the number of continuing passengers from U.S. cities The U.S. delegation is being led by Daniel Tarullo,

Japan says United Airlines

Transportation. After Saturday's talks, Mr. Tarullo said, "I came to Tokyo to bave productive discussions and we did,' according to the embassy official, who declined to be

Japan refused to grant the U.S. cargo carrier Federal Asian Affairs.

assistant secretary of state for commerce, and the Japanese side by Masahide Ochi, senior adviser at the Ministry

named. The U.S. delegation was scheduled to leave Japan soon after Saturday's talks.

#### HOROSCOPE

FORECAST FOR SUNDAY, JULY 16, 1995 By Thomas S. Pierson, Astrologer, Carroll Righter Foundation

ARIES: (March 21 to April 19) Bring your talents to the attention of

TAURUS: (April 20 to May 20) Study your home well today and see what can be completed to make it more attractive and functional GEMINt: (May 21 to June 21) Concentrate on the highest philosophy you can absorb and see how it will suit your best in daily life.

MOON CHILDREN: (June 22 to July 21) You can get excellent

ideas this morning on how to add to your present abundance, but LEO: (July 22 to August 21) You are magnetic and should see those persons today who can assist you in getting ahead faster this evening. YIRGO: (August 22 to September 22) This is a good day tothink about ways to make your life more satisfying and enviable, but avoid seeing friends this evening who are dull.

LIBRA: (September 23 to October 22) Try to see as many as good friends as you can during the day today and be happy at hobbies with them, but this evening is best spent alone with your loved ones. SCORPIO: (October 23 to November 21) Study how best to gain greater prestige in the outside world, and try to please higher-ups and the public in general.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 22 to December 21) This is a fine day to take a short trip and make new and interesting contacts, but don't fret over what can't be helped this evening. CAPRICORN: (December 22 to January 20) G

activity which both you and your make enjoy during the daytime but be quiet at hoem this evening with the TV. AQUARIUS: (January 21 to February 19) This is a good day to contact powerful persons you know and they can help you to make

today and decide how you want to improve it in some way. Contact those you want to assist you.

# New approach needed to

WASHINGTON (USIA) -The introduction of industries into the Palestinian economy in the West Bank was suggested as a 'new approach' to help alleviate the problem of underdevelopment, an Arab American supporter of economic development in Gaza testified at a recent hearing in

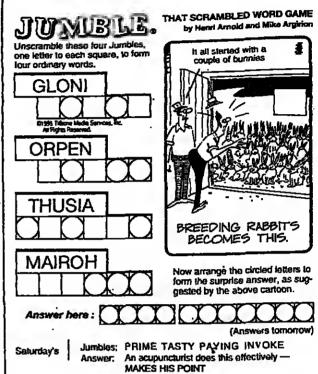
On July 13, several Arab American and American developers eager to help develop the Gaza economy testified before the Senate Foreign Relations Subcommittee on Near East and South

According to James Zogby. President of the Arab American Institute and Co-President of Builders for Peace, an economic development organisation of American-born Jews and Arabs and their counterparts

in the Middle East, "current realities in Gaza and the West Bank present exceptional problems (that) require exceptional solutions. The creation of industrial parks would significantly contribute to a resolution of all of these problems."

"Understand that building a comprehensive regional peace in the Middle East is much like constructing an inverted pyramid," Mr. Zogby told the subcommittee. "The foundation, the point at which the ultimate stability of the entire enterprise rests, is embedded in the sands of Gaza and in the rocky terrain of the West Bank," he said.

"If we do not do more and do it quickly, we are in danger of further eroding confi-dence in the process and endangering the entire edifice of peace," he added.





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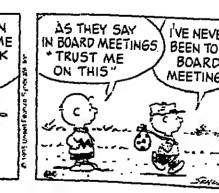


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# Vacant flats in Jordan total 4,000

There are 4,000 vacant

apartments in Jordan, with 3.200 of them, or 80 per cent of the total, concentrated in Amman, according to President of the Jordanian Real Estate Investors Society Mohammad Kheir Kilani. Mr. Kilani said about 80 per cent of the 3,200 vacant apartments in Amman, are located in the western part of the city. He added that the Kingdom's annual need of new apartments stands at about 30,000, of which 20,000 are in Amman. He said about 80 per cent should fit the needs of low and middle-income families, but instead a large percentage of them do not meet this requirement. He said despite the fact that the high number of vacant apartments should create a state of balance between supply and demand, the market is still suffering. from a state of uncertainty because of the prevailing political situation. Meanwhile, the director of a real state office in Amman attributed the slump in the real estate market to high expectations, on the part of real estate owners, of flow of capital from Arab investors into Jordan. He said a dunum of land (1,000 square metres) in the western Amman area of Khilda now fetches JD 50,000, in Umm Al Summag JD 70,000, in Al Rabiys from JD 100,000 to 120,000, in Sweifiyyeh from 100,000-140,000 and in Abdoon JD 185,000. He said the biggest obstacle facing foreign investors in the real estate market in the Kingdom was bureaucracy which might take a foreign investor buying land in

\*\* A meeting will gather Jordanian and Israeli-Arab businessmen in Amman in the period July 18-20. About 150 Israeli-Arabs representing 19 Palestinian rities and villages in Israel are expected to take part in the meeting, organised by the Hashemite League for International Economic Cooperation. League Executive President Maan thibyan said the bulk of Israeli-Arab participants are importers who will have the chance to meet with Jordanian exporters. Mr. Thibyan said that the Israeli-Arabs play an important role in the Israeli economy, noting they their annual income totals about \$6 billion, or about 150 per cent of the volume of the Jordanian economy. Thus, they could be an important market for Jordanian products which can, in terms of cost, compete with similar Isracli products, he continued, adding that the Arab-Israelis also have marketing experience and connections in international markets and can help Jordanian exporters increase their clientele abroad (Al Ra'i).

Jordan between 30-40 days

(Al Aswaq).

### Kuwait, Union Carbide launch \$2b project

KUWAFT (AP) - The U.S. chemical giant Union Car-bide and Knwait's Petrochemical Industries Company (PIC) Saturday launched a \$2 billion joint venture to build a petrochemical plant in the emirate.

Union Carbide is the first foreign partner allowed to invest in the governmentowned oil sector, part of a post-Gulf war plen to revital-

ise the economy.

This includes large-scale privatisation to attract foregovernment spending — the state employs around 90 per cent of the workforce — and eliminate a budget deficit, currently pegged at \$3.96 billion by the year 2000.

"We think this will be the world's most competitive producer for the products we're going to make," William Joyce, Union Carbide's president and chief executive officer, said before signing the joint venture agreement with Kuwaiti Oil Minister

Abdul Mohsen Al Madaj.

The venture, Equale, will be 45 per cent owned by Union Carbide. PIC will own an equal share, and the remaining 10 per cent will be offered to the public through the Boubyan Petrochemicals

Later Saturday, the part-ners will break the ground for the plant at Shuaiba, an area with an oil refinery and port.

40 kilometres south of Kuwait City.

The facility, scheduled for completion in mid-1997, will eventually produce 650,000 tonnes of ethylene a year. along with 450,000 tonnes of polyethylene and 350,000 tonnes of ethylene glycol.

Khaled Buhamrah, PIC's chairman and managing director, said the project was a "dream come true" that combines Kuwait's low-cost feedslock and U.S. slate-ofthe-art technology.

He said a company will be sel up in Bahrain 10 markel the giant plant's products, mainly in Ásia.

Mr. Buhamrah said Equate will coordinate its operations

with other companies in the Gulf which produce similar products because they all need to "satisfy the markets without hurting each other."

COMPANY'S NAME

He said other joint ventures are in the offing, including an aromatics plant with Amoco. He did not elabo-

The Equate plant will be built by foreign contracts, several of which have been awarded to Brown and Root Inc., Foster Wheeler Italiana and Fluor Daniel Inc.

The plant will provide jobs for some 800 people, mostly Kuwaitis.

Mr. Buhamreh said the joins venture includes setting up a research and technology facility.

#### Iran says oil deal with France is big loss for U.S.

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) — Iran boasted Saturday that its deal with France's Total oil company to develop offshore fields in the Gulf is a major defeat for the Clinton administration's campaign to throttle the Islamic republic.

Total, defying U.S. pressure to isolate Iran.

announced Thursday that it had won the contract to develop the Sirri-A and Sirri-E fields after the Houstonbased U.S. oil giant Conoco was forced by Washington to scrap a deal it had made with Tehran in March through a

Dutch subsidiary.
The official Islamic republic news agency, monitored in Nicosia, quoted the Tehran English-language Iran News daily as saying that by allowing the contract with Total to go ahead, France has demon-strated its "political awareness and independent will,"

After forcing Conoco to abandon the landmark agreement with the National Iranian Oil. Co. President Clinton imposed a blanket U.S. ben on all trade and financial dealings with Iran in an effort to pressure it into abandoning its alleged support for terrorism and alleged clandestine programme to acquire nuclear weapons.

The Americans urged their allies to follow suit. But so far only Israel and Uzbekistan have done so since the ban took effect June 6 and no one else shows any sign of joining

"The West has defied Clinton's trade and investment ban on Iran," the daily declared. "This defiance is ample proof of the humilistion suffered by the U.S. in the world political arena."

Under the new agreement, Total will be responsible for securing financing for all the project's costs, estimated at \$600 million.

Production is expected to begin in three years. The two fields', production capacity has been estimated at 120,000 barrels a day, of which Total will get about one-third in return for its investment.

Developing the two fields in the southern Gulf is crucial for Iran's drive to boost its oil production capacity and develop new fields. Oil exports account for some 90 per cent of Iran's revenue.

Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati Friday welcomed the agreement with Total, saying it was a boost for bilateral relations, Tehran Radio reported.

Speaking at a ceremony in Tehran to mark France's national day, Mr. Velayati described the deal as "a big step towards the expansion of bilateral ties" and said he hoped that there will be a similar expansion in other

"The Islamic Republic of Iran considers its relations with the Republic of France 25 permanent and long-term.'
Mr. Velaysti said.

### Abu Dhabi to privatise public enterprises

ABU DHABI (AFP) -The Gulf emirate of Abu Dhabi is to sell off shares in public undertakings as part of a privatisation programme to diversify its oil-reliant economy, the official news agency WAM said Satur-

day. Shares worth more than one billion dirhams (\$272 million) will be sold in cement and other non-oil industrial concerns, Rahma Al Masud, chairman of Abu Dhabi Chamber of Commerce and Industry, This stage will be fol-

lowed with other stages to privatise some public services institutions. Their shares will be traded at the official stock exchange, which will be established soon," be said.

"We invite all national investors to participate in the privatisation programmes to push the development process into a new phase,"

Mr. Masud gave no details of the industries to be sold but the state-owned General Industry Corporation said early this year they would include cement, flour and plastic bag factories. Revenue from privatisation would be used in setting up other projects.

Kuwait, Oman and other gulf Arab states have launched privatisation programme while Saudi Arabia, the world's top oil power, has announced similar economic reforms to cushion the impact of weak crude

In its 1994 annual report released Saturday, the Abu Dbabi chamber said the emirate had allocated around 48 billion dirhams (\$13 billion) for development projects between 1993

It said Abu Dhabi's economy grew by 2.9 per cent in 1994 and the trade balance surplus increased to around \$6 billion from \$5.7 billion in 1993. It forecast a 24.3 per cent growth in

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Abu Dhabi is the main oil producer in the United Arab Emirates (UAE), with an output of around 1.8 million barrels per day. accounting for more than 80 total crude production.

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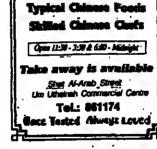
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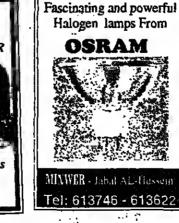






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# U.S. stun Argentina 3-0

PAYSANDU, Uruguay (R) — The United States scored a stunning 3-0 win over Argentina to reach the quarter-finals of the Copa America on Friday.

Goals by striker Frank Klopas and defender Alexei Lalas put the Americans 2-0 ahead at nairtime with Eric Wynalda adding the third in the second half.

Wynalda's goal, his third in the competition, meant the United States finished the first round top of Group C on goal difference and condemned Atgentina, who finished second. to a quarter-final clash with Brazil in Rivera on Monday.

The United States created only a few genuine attempts on goal but took full advantage of the chances that came their way. Argentina, on rhe other hand, created a wealth of scoring opportunities but were let down by woeful finishing from their forwards, including the normally lethel Gabriel Batistu-

Argentina coach Daniel Passarella, with his team already assured of a quarter-final place before the game, rested several of his top players including Jose Chamot, Fernando Caceres, Diego Simeone, Abel Balbo and Leonardo Astrada.

But he would still have expected at very least a draw, which would have allowed Argentina to finish top of the group and given ย่เล้าก a relatively comfortable quarter-final against one of the best third-placed teams. Argentina, who had won their first two games and looked unstoppable as they hammered Chile 4-0 on Tuesday, often intimidate other South American teams with a physical

approach to the game. On Friday, they were given a taste of their own medicine by a U.S. team that fought hard for every ball, clearly ruffling the South

Passarella's plans began to go wrong in the 21st minute when a loose ball rebounded to Klopas and he scored from the edge of a penalty area with a shot which went through a defender's legs and caught Argentine goal-

keeper Carlos Bossio unsighted Eleven minutes later, disastet struck for Argentina when winger Cobi Jones dribbled an Argentine player and hit in a low, hard cross from the by-line. Lalas, who played last season for Italian League side Padova, sneaked in at the near post to flick the ball into the net.

At that stage, the American defence looked workly and it still appeared that Argentina could turn the game around, with Batistuta and Alberto Acosta both missing good chances before halftime.

Passarella attempted to beef up his side by bringing on midfieldet Simeone and striker Ariel Ortega at halftime but the United States tightened up their defence, giving Argentina fewer chances..

Argentina were still top of the group on oal difference until Wynalda struck in the 59th minute, scoring after Greg Berhalter beat Bossio and defender Roberto Ayala to the ball and slipped a pass to him in front of

an empty goal.

That gave the United States a goal difference of plus three, against Argentina's plus

#### Copa America

Marcelo Gallardo and Gabriel Schurrer both had chances to score and put Argentina back on top of the group but Gallardo mis-bit his effort and U.S. goalkeeper Kasey Keller made one of several good saves to Deny

The United States will face Mexico, whom they recently beat 4-0 in the U.S. Cup, in their quarter-final.

Friday's results meant that Mexico and Bolivia qualified as the two best third-placed teams. Ecuador, third in Group B, were

Bolivia qualify after a late comeback

Meanwhile Bolivia secred two goals in the last twelve minutes to snatch a 2-2 draw with Chile and qualify for the quarter-finals. Substitute Mauricio Ramos dribbled be-

tween two Chilean defenders and scored witha powerful shot into the roof of the net from an awkward angle to equalise two minutes from the end of the first round, Group C

Ten minutes eatlier, Miguel Mercado, who also came on as a substitute, had scored Bolivia's first goal, scrambling the ball over the line from Marco Etcheverry's pass. Striker Ivo Basay had scored twice within

six minutes early in the second half, to give Chile a two-goal lead as the game came to life after a disappointing first half. Bolivia completed their group games with

four points, enough to ensure they would qualify for the quarter-finals. Chile, without real Madrid striker Ivan Zamorano who declined to take part in the

tournament because he wanted a rest,

finished bottom of the group and were climin-

#### Nantes striker Loko joins **PSG**

PARIS (R) - Patrice Loko. the French League's leading scorer last season, is joining Paris St. Germain from champions Nantes, the Paris club said on Saturday.

The clubs have agreed the move and loko was set to sign a four-year contract later on Saturday. French Cup winner PSG, who lost their league title to

Nantes last season, have now made five signings for the new campaign starting on

Their two main strikers have departed. Liberian George Weah joining AC Milan and Daviod Ginola

moving to English Premier league club Newcastle.

They have now been replaced by Loko. who scored 22 league goals for Nantes last season, and Panamanian striker Julio Cesar Dely Valdes, who joined from Italian side Cagliari.

Lygn defender Bruno Ngotty, Mgnaco midfielder Youri Djorkaeff and Bordeaux midfielder Laurent Fournier have also joined the ambitious Paris side, who have reached the semifinals of European club competitions in each of the past three

"Our goal is to regain the title and to win the European Cup Winners' Cup and I believe we can do it," said Deputy Chairman Michel Denisot.

Loko, who now misses the chance of playing in the Champions' Cup, said: "I feel that Paris have more ambitions than Nantes. Nantes are a good side. Paris are a great side."

#### **SPORTS IN BRIEF**

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#### Ski champ dies in road smash

ANNECY, France (AFP) - Sergei Shupletsov, the Russian freestyle skiing champion, was killed in a road accident near here late Friday, police said. Shupletsov, 25, died when his motorbike and a car collided near his home close to the La Clusaz skiing resort. Shupletsov, 25, who tecently married French freestyle skiing champion Ingrid Goy, won the 1995 World Cup in freestyle skiing's moguls discipline. He was second in the event at the 1995 World Championships and took the bronze medal at the 1994 Lillehammer Olympics,

#### Maradona begins training

BUENOS ATRES (AP) - Diego Maradona began training Friday with his old team, Boca Juniors, and scores a goal during a practice game. After training Maradona told reporters ne telt "very tirea, bui and much more experience than 15 years ago," when he helped Boca win the Argentine League. Maradona is suspended until September following positive tests for stimulants during the 1994 World Cup. The season is scheduled to begin Aug. 6 and he would miss the first seven weeks. Local press reports said Boca will ask the Argentine football association to postpone the start of the season until Sept. 30 so Maradona can play from the beginning. "Let's leep out fongers crossed." Boca coach Silvio Marzolini said Boca hopes to sign forward Claudio Caniggia, who played last season with Benfica of Lisbon.

#### Medvedeva into semifinals

PALERMO (AP) — Natalia Medvedeva upset top-seeded Karina Hasbudova 3-6. 6-4. 6-3 Friday to move into the semifinals of the \$107,500 Torneo International. In another quarterfinal match between unseeded players, Austrian barbara Schett made short work of Czech-born German Veronika Martinek 6-3, 6-1. Medvedeva, the No. 7 seed in the Sicilian clay-court event, won the decisive third set when Habsudova, a Slovak ranked 27th on the WTA tour computer, made an series of unforced errors in the last force games.

#### Chavez, Randall share spotlight

LAS VEGAS (AFP) - Legendary Mexican Julio Cesar Chavez and the only man ever to beat him — American Frankie Randall — will defend their respective world light-welterweight titles on the same bill here on September lo. Chavez, who has won 94 bouts against one draw and the January 1994 defeat inflicted by Randall, will defend his

World Boxing Council (WBC) title against unbeaten American David Kamau, Randali stakes his World Boxing Association (WBA) crown in a rematch against former world title-holder Juan MartinCoggi of Argentina. There will be two other world contests on the programme. Frank Liles of the United States defends his WBA supermiddleweight title against Brazil's Mauricio Amaral and compatriot Carl Daniels puts his WBA light-middleweight title on the line against Argentina's Julio Cesar Vasquez.

#### Sir Stan to play again at 80

LONDON (AFP) — Soccer legend Sir Stanley Matthews is to play again — at the age of 80! The former England wing wizard, won 54 caps from the age of 19 to the unbelievable age of 41, will play 15 minutes for Beazer Homes League club Clevedon Town in a friendly match against Bristol City on Sunday, July 30. Clevedon's manager. Steve Fey, he spoke at a dinner i town early in the summer. "It was a bit cheeky but as a joke I asked him if he would consider signing on as a player for us," said Fey. "I nearly fell backwards when he said 'yes' but I jumped at the chance. I had a Beazer League registration form with me, hoping to sign another player, so I got Sir Stanley to sign it there and then. "I asked him what he had earned in the 1953 FA Cup final and he told me 4.18 shillings. "I offered him double that, threw in a little extra and got him for a tenner. It has to be the steal of

#### Shot putter banned

LONDON (AFP) - British shot putter Guy Marshall was suspended on Saturday after testing positive to "proscribed substances" at an inter-area match in May. The result of 23-year-old Marshall's B samples confirmed that of his A sample, the British Athletic Federation (BAF) said in a statment. Tony Ward, spokesman for the BAF, said: "It's always disappointing to get a drugs findings, but it does show the efficiency of our testing system." Marshall was ranked 54th in British last year.

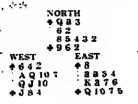
#### Rangers to sign Romanian star

GLASGOW (AFP) - Rangers manager Walter Smith confirmed on Saturday that he is in negotiations with Spanish club Espanol to sign the Romanian World Cup star Florin Raducioiu, Smith is hoping to clinch a 2.7 million (about 4.4 million dollars) deal with Barcelona club Espanol for the striker which, coupled with the 4.3 million for Paul Gascoigne, would take the Ibrox club's summer spending to seven million pounds.

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Four spaces was the final contract at both tables, on similar anctrons. Two clubs was artificial and foreing, two diaments negative and two spades natural. North's jump to four spades showed good trump support, but denied a side first- or second-round control, so South refuctantly toased in the towel.

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The lead was the same at the two tables—the queen of dismonds. At one table declarer won, led a low trump to the nine and finesed the jack of hearts. West won with the queen and returned a trump. Declarer won in dummy and tried a heart to the lung. That lost to the ace and West removed dummy's last.

clarer lost a third heart and a club for down one.

At the other table the expert de-clarer took advantage of the friendly lead to land the contract and there was nothing the defenders could de about it. Since South could afford to lose two hearts and a club, declarer immediately led a heart from hand after winning the diamond. West won cheaply and returned a trump, but South was in charge.

The scade was won in diamony

The spade was won in dummy and a heart to the jack lost to the queen. Wast persevered with a trump. Declarer won in band, ruffed a heart, came to hand with a dismood ruff and drew the last trump. Eventually, declarer concreded a club trick, but that was the third and last trick for the defense.

# World Basketball Championship

# Australia defeat Jordan 78-35

By Aleen Banhayan Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN - Australia scored a convincing 78-35 victory over Jordan's Under-18 national basketball team Friday evening in the concluding match of the pteliminary round at the 5th Junior World Basketball Championship current-

ly underway in Greece. While Jordan maintained a close score with the team that beat both titleholders the U.S. and runners-up Italy, Australia took total control of the match widening their 18-14 lead to 40-18 at the end of the first haif.

Australia scored from fast breaks and turnovers to end the match with a big

Jordan's Zeid Alkhas scored 15, and Ma'an Odeh 10. In their first two matches, the Kingdom's team

had lost 61-51 to the U.S. and 87-64 to Italy.

Sixteen countries are competing in the championship.

Group A includes China, Venezuela, Lithuania, and Croatia. Group B includes Nigeria, S. Korea, Argentina and France, Group C includes Australia, Italy, the U.S. and Jordan.Group D includes Angola, Puerto Rico, Greece and Spain.

Jordan, the third place finisher in the Asian Championship in March, is representing the continent along with China and S. Korea. The Australian team,

who had finished at a disappointing 11th place in the 1992 championship, are now the unbeaten team in Group Cafter upserting the U.S. 71-69 and Italy 74-66. Other results came as fol-

Croatia-Venezuela 78-71 Lithuania-China 85-70 Group B

U.S.-Italy 75-61 Group D Spain-Puerto Rico 49-34 Greece-Angola 132-58

Group C

Fouls

Blocks

Fast Breaks

Free throws

The U-18 team is the fitst to represent Jordan in a world ehampionship.

to qualify for the World Basketball Championship. Egypt finished last in Sao Paulo in 1979 while Syria came in 12th among 16 in Argentina-Nigeria 58-35 the 1992 championship in d France-S. Korea 68-58 Canada. Jordan's team includes L

Zeid Alkhas, Ma'an Odeh, Ashraf Samarah, Mahmoud Sha'ban, Samer Nino, Ihab Msih, Ramzi Ghneim, Fadi Al Saqaa; Zeid Zu'mot. Ra'ed Ghosheh. Ziyad and Seif Lada'.

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# Seles enters: Open

NEW YORK (AFP) -Monica Seles officially en-tered the U.S. Open on Friday, lining up her first Grand Slam tennis appeatance since she was stabbed in the back in 1993.

"We couldn't be happier," said U.S. Tennis Association spokeswoman Page Crosland.
"We were anticipating it.

We've been waiting for her and we're delighted." It is not yet known if Seles will be seeded; whether she will have a

whether she will be given a wild-card. "The only thing we know is that she has applied for entry and it was received today," Crosland said.

Seles won eight Grand
Slam titles, including two

fore she was stabbed April 30, 1993 in Hamburg, Ger-She was ranked number one in the world when the stabbing occurred, but bas since dropped out of the

U.S. Opens in a row, be-

rankings. A proposal to co-rank her at number one upon her return to competition, was rejected by several top players at a WTA Tour meeting during Wimble-don, although WTA Tout



Monica Seles

president Martina Navratilova, now-retired from singles play was in favour of the special status.

Seles will launch her comeback with an exhibition match against Navrati-

lova on July 29 in Atlantic

City. New Jersey. Her competition sehe-dule after that is not yet

## Graf's lawyers respond to tax probe

BERLIN (AP) - Wimbledon champion Steffi Graf's lawyers on Friday said investigators are ignorant of her tax situation, and the world's top-ranked woman player said she trusted her father's management of her financial affairs.

Graf, 26, and her father, Peter Graf, are suspected of tax evasion. German newspapers reported this week. Authorities confirm that investigators searched the Graf family villa in Bruehl in Southern Germany on May 23 and seized documents, but have not spelled out the natute of suspicions.

Graf, one\_of Germany's most popular sports idols. said in a statement issued by her public relations agency. Advantage International. that she chose to keep her residence in Germany and understood her responsibility

to pay German taxes.
"From the first day of my career, I bired my father to handle my financial affairs and I trust that he did so correctly. Therefore, I was very surprised when this tax issue arose. I have always intended to fulfill all of my tax obligations," she said. Other German sports stars

have taken residence in

Monaco, a tax Haven, to avoid Germany's high taxes. Graf's fortune from winnings and endorsements in ber 13-year career is estimated in the German Press at 100 million marks (\$70 million), and her tennis winnings this year alone are \$1.388.855.

Lawyers for the Graf fami-

y issued a statement accusing

the authorities of improper behavior in the May 23 search and of causing Graf likely financial losses by making the investigation known.
"Important circumstances regarding the taxation of Miss Steffi Graf are not known" by the investigators.

said a statement issued by

lawyers Kurt Himmelsbach and eddo Compart. It said she was taxed not only in Germany but also in the United States, Britain. France and Australia, and that ber returns had been cleared with the responsible tax authorities in the cities of Karlsruhe and Stuttgart.

"As soon as we are given access to the files ... all questions of doubt will be clarified," it said.

ling the case, Peter Wechsung, said it would take

On Wednesday, the prosecutor in Mannheim handwhether to raise charges. Graf is scheduled to launch line of sportswear in Berlin

next Tuesday, resolving the mystery of the red "S" logo she wore on her sleeve as she won her sixth Wimbledon title last week. It is to be the logo of the "Steffi Graf Collection" of clothing. A severe tangle with the

tax authorities could damage Graf's commercial value in endorsements.

Her lawyers' statement said, "damages could go into the millions because of the announcement of the investigation." It said the lawyers feel German tax authorities will lose money on the case. Meanwhile, tax authorities

said Friday they are investigating the manager of For-mula One champion Michael Schumacher, the second German sports star affected by a tax probe this week. Stuttgart prosecutor Ger-

not Blessing confirmed media reports that Schumacher's manager Willi Weber was the target of a probe. We are not conducting

any proceedings against Schumacher, that must be clear," Blessing said.

#### Christie months to examine the seized knocked documents to determine out in 100 metres heats

BIRMINGHAM (R) World and Olympic 100 metres champion Linford Christie failed to qualify from the heats ar the British National Championships on Saturday.

Christie, who eased up! near the line, finished fourth. in 10.93 seconds and missed going through to the semifinals as one of the fastest los-

The 35-year-old Christie, who had won the event for the past four years

Christie, who defends his world title in Gothenburg next month, refused to comment but British Athletics Federation spokesman Tony Ward said: "Linford has been suffering from a tight tendon behind the right knee all week. He tried to cruise it but eased down too much at the

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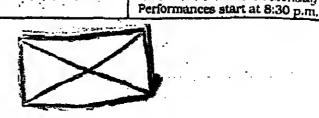
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## Jalabert magnificent in victory

MENDE, France (AFP) — Frenchman Laurent Jalabert rode the race of the Tour de France here on Friday winning the 222-kilometre 12th stage from St. Etienne having broken away from the main group after only 20-

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Jalabert's victory was most opportune coming on France's traditional Bastille Day celebrations. While that day in 1789 haggard prisoners were released and the unfortunate governor lost his head. this day in 1995 Jalabert was not in such a generous mood to release anybody from his leading group and left the race's governor Miguel Indurain with a sweaty brow, but with his lead intact.

The charismauc Jalabert said after the stage: "Perhaps it was suicide to go after 20 kilometres but it was Basulle

Jalabert asked how he would celebrate, before making his traditional post stage telephone call to his wife, said: "There will certainly be some fireworks.'

Jalabert, who held the yellow jersey earlier in the race until losing the lead in a crash on the fourth stage, was helped by two formidable teammates, Australian Neil Stephens and Spaniard Melrior Mauri.

Indurain tried to breach the gap and got within 15 seconds but from then on the six man group pulled away. At one stage Jalabert was on course to take the overall lead but with only Stephens and Mauri unselfishly doing the work the other three members of the group were content to be towed along.

The other three were Massimo Podenzana who finished second, Dario Bottaro and Andrea Peron.

Stephens was dropped on the penultimate ascent, having done a magnificent job.

JOHANNESBURG (AFP)

- Egypt booked a place at the 1996 African Nation's

Cup finals despite being held to a 1-1 draw at home by

Algeria in a Group 4 qualifying match on Friday night.

The Pharaohs, who have

lifted the cup three times, top

the standings with 13 points

followed by Algeria with 11,

Uganda with eight and Tan-

zania, Sudan and Ethiopia

Algeria complete their 10-

vatch programme on July 28

at home to Tanzania and a

victory would assure them a

berth at the 16-nation tourna-

ment, which begins January

Ghana, champions a re-

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Leone, Gabon, Zambia and

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but Mauri eighth overall and fifth in the stage kept the momentum going.

The peloton was behaving strangely as not just the Banesto team but also the Novell team of Djamolodine Abdujaparov set the pace to claw back the leaders. These were strange tactics to employ as surely the objective for the other participants was for Indurain's team to do all the work as he was the man mosi in danger.

drip fed for weeks and given a virtual new set of teeth could not hold on after such a long Scarlet Pimpernel type

Thankfully the answer for those who indulge in romanticism the answer was yes he could and at the finish he raised his arms to a roar that has scarcely been bettered since France won the 1984 European Football Cham-

Behind the victor the pelo-

#### **Tour de France**

Abdujaparov on the other hand had no chance of gaining any points in the battle for the green jersey which The gap kept on declining

and with Jalabert and Mauri continuing to do the work it appeared that they were seting up victory for one of the hangers on. Jalabert though is no longer just a flat stage rider with a mean sprint finish in him and he seized his chance on the final climb bursting clear with only Daniele Bottato capable of giving chase.

The thought crossed the mind that surely this man who so narrowly escaped death last year in the stage to Armentieres and had to be

I. Miguel Indurain (Spa)

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5. Melchor Mauri (Spa)

6. Tony Rominger (Swi)

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12. Pavel Tonkov (Rus)

14. Erik Breukink (Ned)

15. Laurent Dufaux (Swi)

Egypt book place in

**African Nations' Cup finals** 

Algerian star Ali Fergani,

who replaced Rabah Madier

as coach after the national

team was held at home by

With home advantage and

Uganda last month

the partisan backing of a ocar-capacity 100,000 crowd

at the Nasser Stadium, Egypt

1-0 defeat in Algiers last

struck first as veteran for-

ward Kaci Said gained pos-

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penalty area in the 42nd mi-

nute, turned a defender and

slammed the ball into the

The goal stung the lethar-

gie Egyptians to life and a series of second-half assaults

on the Algerian goalmouth

paid off in the 61st minute

when Ibrahim Al-Masry

equalised with his first cup

Al-Masry rounded two de-

fenders before sending a

roof of the net.

But it was the visitors who

were expected to aven

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9. Fernando Escartin (Spa)

10. Claudio Chiappucci (Ita)

11. Richard Virengue (Fra)

13. Laurent Madouas (Fra)

2. Alex Zulle (Swi)

4. Bjarne Riis (Den)

7. Ivan Gotti (Ita)

ton split at the start of the final climb. Marco Pantani

Riis's attentions were less focussed on taking time off Indurain as retaining his third spot overall which was endangered by Jalabert. Hard as Riis cycled he was unable to avert his fall from the

podium places. Jalabert's victory though will go down as one of the greatest ever and perhaps, just perhaps this tour is not

all over yet,

Overall standings

#### victor of Alpe d'Huez on Wednesday tried to steal a march on Indurain, but the big Spaniard emotionless as ever calmly swept him up dismissed Swiss Alex Zulle only to have Dane Bjarne Riis on his shoulder:

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ers to ensure Egypt retained their unbeaten home record

in the qualifying competition.

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an ill-tempered World Cup tie

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thorities placed thousands of

police and troops in riot gear

inside the giant stadium in

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Manritania, one of the

weakest African football na-

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drought in the competition by

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# Hill keeps pole in

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Rain in Saturday's final

man world champion Michael Schumacher, shares the front row of the grid, with Hill's Scottish teammate David Coulthard and Austrian Gerhard Berger in a Ferrari on the second row.

the final qualifying session. and intermittent showers during it, meant that no improvements were possible onthe times set in dry weather on Friday.

pleted by Schumacher's British teammate Johnny Herbert and Berger's teammate, the spectacular French driver Jean Alesi.

Schumacher, Berger and Herbert all had spins during the session. Herbert's car ending in a tyre barrier, but

The German said he was "a bit disappointed that the weather wasn't beiter, as we had some problems vesterday. We found solutions last place of 1995. night" and he said he would like to have tested them on a dry

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Hill said with a smile that 'I can hardly say I'm unhappy. And I'm very pleased we got something done for the spectators, with a bit of spectacular driving for them.

'The pole means a great deal to me. I've started a few times from pole this season and the position has been reversed in the race, and I'll have to do something about

Hill said he "hopes to fulfil the hopes of the British fans here. "There were 37,000 spectators on Friday, 40.000 on Saturday and Sunday has been a 90,000 seat sell out for "It's an opportunity I

gratefully accept and enjoy. said Hill. "I hope it's dry tomorrow and that we see a very exciting motor race." He recalled that he and Schumacher had been very close during testing here, and

I expect it to be a thriller." With more showers predicted for Sunday, Hill said 'I don't mind the damp, but not if it's raining very heavi-

His wife Georgie is expecting their third child at any moment, and Hill said he was been "ringing home all the time bul there's no answer." He grinned and said 'I'm a bit worried." Schumacher said Benetton

was prepared for either a dry or wet race, but that he did not like the uncertainties of mixed weather. The drivers had run very

limited laps on Saturday afternoon, and Hill and Schumacher were asked if they did not have an obligation to the spectators to put on a better

# Women's national basketball team, strapped for cash, might miss chance to 'make history'

By Aleen Bannayan Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN - July 23-31 will hopefully go down as a memorable week for Jordanian basketball as it would be the first time the women's national basketball team competes in the Asian Women's Cham-pionship to be held in Shizuoka. Japan.

That is, however, if the team comes up with at least JD 4,500 in the coming four days.

Because of the shortage of funds, the Jordan Basketball Federation (JBF) Saturday also asked the team's coach to name only 10 players on the team instead of the usual 12. With less than a week

remaining for their scheduled departure, the team is practicing hard hoping that obstacles will be solved in the coming two days.
The JBF's women's bas-

understanding, and have almost made our trip come ketball committee. the players and the coach have been running a fund-raising true," coach Fadi Sabbah campaign for the past said. "However we are still month after being told that short of our target." they should come up with Among those who supthe money (nearly JD 13,000) to cover their ported the team were: the

air fare as the JBF had

utilised almost JD 65,000

on the youth (under-18)

team's preparations for the World Championship cur-rently under way in

In an interview with the

Jordan Times, the team's

fund-raising committee

thanked all the sponsors

and donors who have so far

contributed JD 5.600 but

said another 4,500 at least

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Friends and families of players joined the fundraising effort by finding understanding contacts who were willing to help. The team also organised a quiz night and urged fans 10 attend their matches against Syria's Al Jala' who recently concluded a weeklong visit to the Kingdom.

After having trained for the past six months, the players cannot but help feel that they have been treated in an offhand manner despite the fact that their participation would make history as Jordan has lacked a women's team since 1983 and they will be the only

Arab team among 13 coun-

With no courts reserved for practice, the team members said they have been training wherever one was available, and have not asked the JBF for any expenses usually paid for national team players. Some team members were told by their university professors that they would have to drop their summer

course if they travel, The Jordanian team will be playing in Level B with. teams from Indonesia. Hong Kong, India, Kyrgizstan, Malaysia, Sri Lanka, and Thailand, Level A includes China, Korea.

Kazakhstan and Taiwan.

Because of the JBF's limited budget, the team only had four practice matches of the 12-16 the coach had requested to be arranged prior to departure. Jordan beat visiting Syrian champions Al Jala twice and lost two games with the same team.

The fact that the team visibly improved from one match to another shows that the players have adapted to each other's play and only need more matches to complete their preparations. Four matches against a Ukrainian team were recently cancelled.

The team includes Rana Husseini, Suhair Makusi, Tala Al Mauje, Jumana Salti, Jehan Abdulnour. Rania Dajani, Sirsa Naghway, Hala Muheisen, Hind Ghouri, Andeira Kasisieh, Tetiana Qardan and Zein

# rainy

SILVERSTONE, England (AFP) -- Britain's Damon Hill, driving a Williams Re-nault, held pole position for Sunday's British Grand Prix, which he predicted "will be a

qualifying prevented anyone from improving on his pole time from the first session

Hill's great rival, the Ger-

Schumacher goes into the eight race of the 17 race season leading the 1995 championship by II points

Heavy rain shortly before

The top six were com-

but I am not playing at my best," he said. "I have played poorly here all week. After losing the first set, Bruguera was broken 0-2. He settled into his rhythm but it was to: late. with only minor damage.

Kefelnikov produced a service winner in the ninth game for match point, then sent a backhand to the Spaniard's feet to earn his fourth final

no chance today.

undergoing knee surgery.



Yevgeny Kafelnikov

"This is my best win ever 'on clay," he said. Hlasek upset Swiss Davis Cup Rosset 6-3 6-4 in the other semifinal.

Hlasek, ranked eighth in the world in 1988 but now down to 124th, entered the tournament on a wild card.

But the 30-year-old looked back to his best with a fine dislay of serve-and-volley tennis against his fourthseeded compatriot.

Rosset. six vears younger. failed to get his booming first serve working and was overpowered in just 75 minutes.

Hlasek now plays his first final since 1991 when he beat John McEnroe in Basle.

"I was thinking of retiring if I was beaten here in the early rounds," said Hlasek. "The crowd was behind me as the underdog and that inspired me."

# Fans want Ferguson to resign

MANCHESTER (AFP) -Alex Ferguson should resign as Manchester United's manager according to a poll conducted here on Friday among the team's disillusioned fans.

The shock verdict was delivered by the Manchester Evening News, who set up a phone-in to debate the manager's future.

Ferguson's record over the last six seasons has been extraordinary — but 53 per cent of the callers (465) said he should go while 47 per cent (418) said he should stay.

Fans have been angered by the close-season sales of Paul Ince to Inter Milan and Mark Hughes to Chelsea after losing the Premiership title to Blackburn and the FA Cup to Everton. Andrei Kanchelskis will almost certainly be the next to leave.

Ferguson's attempt to lure Tottenham and England star winger Darren Anderton failed when the youngster signed a four year contract with Spurs on Thursday.

The majority of callers agreed with a statement. which appeared under the headline: "Should Fergie leave the club?"

The statement read: "Something is wrong at Manchester Umted. There has never been a close season like this one and it follows the disappointments of last season when the Reds ended up winning nothing after being so close to landing another double

of League and FA Cup. But if the fans thought it would end there, they were wrong. For one crowd-pleaser after another has left the club -

"First Paul Ince went to Inter Milan; then Mark Hughes was off to Chelsea. Now Andrei Kanchelskis seems to be on his way.

or seems to be on the brink

"He is quoted as saying that his heart is with United but he can't stay 'for one simple reason — the manager'. What is wrong? Could it be that it is time for a change of manager.

it is, and you can understand them. The biggest club in Britain wants success and maybe a change at the helm is what is needed

much longer. synopsis rather hard to swallow.

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ited and he disliked the style in which the Italians

played their football.

"Some fans will be saving

Ferguson has had personal problems with players in the past, most notably with Republic of Ireland's world class centre back paul McGrath. Ferguson controversially sold him to Aston Villa suggesting that his traditionally weak knees would not last

Two World Cup Finals, later people may find that

Ince, no stranger to knowing bow to counter attack as he is a cousin of World Boxing champion Nigel Benn. was bitter about the way he felt was forced to leave Old Trafford and rejected Fergu-

Ferguson was quoted earlier in the Ince transfer saga as believing it was a good move for the player and Manchester United. Ince himself had always publicly declared that he did not wish to leave Un-

Kanchelskis rift with Ferguson has been public for some time but his manager was particularly irritated when the Ukrainian born Russian international returned from international

duty complaining about a mystery stomach injury. Ferguson had him checked by several doctors and nothing was discovered but Kanchelskis refused to play as he insisted he was iniured.

The inspirational winger was a member of the 'Russian rebies' that refused to go to last year's World Cup finals owing to a disagreement with the coach. After failing to deliver a

trophy last season Ferguson knows he is under pressure in the coming months, despite winning two Premiership titles, the FA Cup twice, the League Cup and the European Cup Winners' Cup.

That is the nature of the job when one manages a massive club like Manchester United and he knows that. But the thought of him not being at the helm for the foreseeable future seems incomprehensible.

#### Reynolds gets unannounced visit from IAAF tests in my life... I think it's silver medalist in the 1988 Supreme Court justice that

Two representatives of the governing body of international track and field made an unannounced visit to the home of track star Butch Reynolds to request a urine sample, according to a broadcast report.

On Friday, WCMH-TV in Columbus said Reynolds gave the sample Thursday to the representatives from the International Amateur Athletic Federation at his home in Westerville, then went to a local hospital for an independent urine analysis. Nursing supervisor Mercy Ovuworie confirmed that Reynolds had his urine tested

at St. Ann's Hospital and said she could not comment on the results of the test. Reynolds, 30, a gold and 400 metres since 1988, when he set it in Zurich, Switzerland. The former Ohio state athlete has been in a legal battle with the IAAF since it suspended him in 1990 for nearly 21/2 years after he

allegedly tested positive for steroids. He denies ever taking steroids and is continuing to compete. He finished second in ihe 400 in last month's national championships at Sacramento, Calif., and will be on the U.S. team for this year's World Championships at Goleborg, Sweden.

"I'm all for drug testing," he told the television station. "I have taken over 100 drug

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> answering the telephone at the IAAF offices in Monaco said he could not speak En-On Nov. 5, 1990, the IAAF suspended Reynolds from all competition until Aug. 12, 1992. It said a urine specimen believed to have come from Reynolds tested positive for nandrolone, a

and at the office of his Col-

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banned steroid, after a meet in Monaco on Aug. 12, 1990. Reynolds said the 1est was faulty. He fought the suspension in the courts and on June 20.

1992, was granted an emergency order from a U.S.

an invasion of privacy for allowed him to run in the U.S. Olympic trials. He failed to qualify for the Olympics and had the suspension extended until Jan. I, 1993, by the IAAF, which Messages requesting com-ment were left Friday night at said his participation in the trials was not in the best Reynolds' telephone number interest of the sport.

> after the suspension ended, but continued to request damages and penalties from the IAAF for the period he was sidelined. Reynolds also sued the IAAF in federal court in Columbus. He said its public announcement of the test re-

Reynolds was reinstated

sult defamed him, denied him due process and cost him income. The IAAF presented no defence, saying the court had

no jurisdiction. A U.S. district court judge ordered the IAAF to pay Reynolds 27.4 million, but a federal appeals coun overturned the decision.

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**Baboon marrow** 

for AIDS patient

transplant backed

WASHINGTON (R) - A

radical experiment to try to save the life of a dying ALDS.

patient by giving him a ba-a boon bone marrow transplant, got backing Friday from a U.S. team of health advisers,

I am going to die anyway. Let's get on with finding, some answers about this dis-

ease. If this saves me, then I got lucky," said Jeff Getty, the 37-year-old man who has

volunteered to be the first to

volunteered to be the first to undergo what even his own, doctors describe as a "long, shot" therapy. Though this is, not the first time animal cells, or organs will be implanted in a human, cross-species procendures are rare and controversial because they can expose

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people to viruses or other disease-causing agents found

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Getty in early September.

Members of the FDA's.
Biological Response Modifiers Advisory Panel were
pessimistic that this would

save the life of Mr. Getty, who has lived with AIDS for

15 years but whose health has

now deteriorated.

agency to fight

AIDS launched

GENEVA (AFP) - A new

United Nations agency to coordinate the fight against

acquired immune deficiency

syndrome (AIDS) was laun-

ched here with an estimated budget of \$140 million. The

governing council of UN-AIDS met to appoint U.S. Ambassador Sally Shelton as

its chairman and South Afri-

can Health Minister Dlamini

Zuma its vice-chairman, for a

three year term. The U.N. decided at the end of last year

to set up a new agency to coordinate the efforts of the World Health Organisation (WHO). the U.N. Children's Fund (UNICEF), the U.N.

Development Programme

(UNDP), the U.N. Educa-

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Organisation (UNESCE) and the U.N. Population

Fund. It had been found that

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# Yemen offers Egypt a security pact

ALEXANDRIA (Agencies)
— Yemen, accused by Cairo of links to militants in Egypt, has proposed a security cooperation deal between the two countries. Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh said here Saturday.

"There is a project for security cooperation between Egypt and Yemen to guarantee the security and stability of both peoples," Mr. Saleh said at a joint press confer-ence with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak.

"Yemen made this proposal several days ago. f cannot speak about the texts themselves now but as soon as we arrive at a final formula it will be announced," Mr. Mubarak said.

The two leaders held a second day of talks here on Saturday, before Mr. Mubarak escorted Mr. Saleh to the Mediterranean coastal city's airport.
The Yemeni president arrived Friday in Egypt on the last leg of a tour which has taken him to Qatar, Syria and lordan

Their talks focused on "reestablishing Arab solidar-ity" shattered by the 1990-1991 Gulf conflict, the two leaders said.

"We discussed a number of matters on how to return the waters to their course," Mr. Saleh said.

There have been a flurry of contacts between Cairo and Sanaa since the attempt on Mr. Mubarak's life on June 26 in Addis Ababa and Egyptian accusations that some of the gunmen had Yemeni

passports. Egyptian security services have several times said that Egyptian militants coming from Pakistan have passed through Yemen before arriving in Egypt. The charges have been denied by Sanaa. "We condemn all acts of violence and terrorism in any country," Mr. Saleh said. "No country should allow its lands to open up to terror-

Yemen handed over to Egypt some suspects last year and Cairo has not recently aired any grievance against

Mr. Saleh said he had detected a "complete Arab awakening," with all states keen to undo the damage which the Gulf war did to Arab unity.
"I found the same feeling

(in all the countries) and it's a positive phenomenon that everyone is seeking to pick up the pieces which the war left. We must stand together." he said. Yemen was sympathetic towards Iraq during the war

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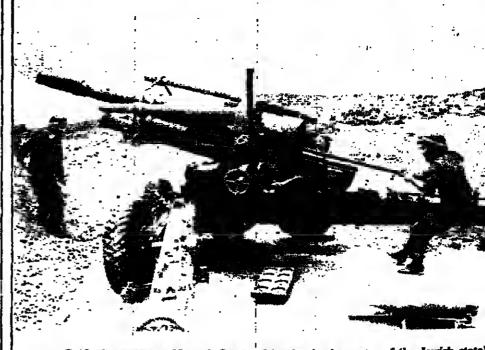
Saleh managed to mend rela-tions with Saudi Arabia.

"Clearing the air in the Arab World is of the essence," said Mr. Mubarak. "The Yemeni-Saudi disputes are on their way to being solved and there's flexibility on both sides."

Both presidents said they favoured strengthening the Arab League as the institu-tion for joint Arab action.

Mr. Saleh met earlier Saturday with Arab League Secretary General Esmat Abdul Meguid to discuss ways of healing lingering rifts with the Arab World following Iraq's invasion of Kuwait in August 1990.

Mr. Saleh expressed his "desire to clear the atmosphere in the Arab World and restore Arab solidarity" Mr. Abdul Meguid told reporters.



HEAVY ARMOUR: Members of Israel's South of Jezzine in the centre of the Jewish state's Lebanese Army (SLA) clean heavy artiflery self-declared security zone in South Lebanon unit on a hill protecting the access to the town (AFP photo)

## Al Ahd says it won 79 municipal seats

By Sa'eda Kilani Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — The pro-government Al Ahd party Saturday announced that 79 candidates of the 100 candidates party fielded in the last week's municipal elections had won.

The head of the party, Abdul Hadi Majali, told that the parry did not publish the names of its candidates before the elections because they feared they might lose.

"We were afraid that we would lose 15 per cent of the votes if we announced the names of our candidates before the elections," Mr. Majali said, "But next time, we will announce the names a

month earlier."
Al Ahd, which advocates peace with Israel, lost the mayorship in Madaba, Karak and Salt but won in Ma'an. Out of the 79 Al Ahd members who won, 24 are mayors of municipal councils in different parts of the Kingdom and 54 are council members. Al Ahd has also a member in the Amman Municipality, Mohammad Kawakneh.

"We also supported the National Bloc that won in Zarga," Mr. Majali said. According to Mr. Majall, the Islamists lost in Zarqa because they refused to forge

alliances with other parties and groups. The National Bloc included two leftists and one Christian. The leftists did not win, the Christian did. "We are not attacking the

Islamists or the Islamic tion Front in particular, nor are we in confrontation with them. We are only saying the truth and defending our country in line with the Constitution." Mr. Majali said.

Mr. Majali said the party will also seek cooperation with other council mayors



Abdul Hadi Majali

and members who are not Al And affiliates or sympathis-

"More than 80 per cent of the council members and mayors are from the national stream," he said. "We have a lot in common."

Al Ahd was established in December 1992. Although it had a membership of more than 12,000 tast year accord-ing to party leaders, it now includes only 2,500.

The reduction of party

members "was part of our restructuring policy," one Al And member said.

Al Ahd is primarily based on tribal affiliation and famiministers in the current cabinet.

"We support the government's policies. There is nothing wrong about that," Mr. Majali said. "There is nothing wrong with tribalism either. This is Jordan and not

# said near

GROZNY (Agencies) — Russian and Chechen nego-

devastated Chechen capital Grozny. Usman Imayev told reporters: "All the major questions before the delegations are probably already

"All that remains are agreements on certain tech-nical details."

He had returned from two days of consultations with Chechen field commanders in the mountains of southern

We will stay overnight bere. to make sure we have an

agreement," said Imayev.
"We have agreed to 17
paragraphs from their proposals, and they have agreed

military leaders said that they agreed with a draft text for a peace accord.

## Accord on Chechenya

tiators are nearing a peace agreement. with only cer-tain "technical details" now outstanding, the head of the Chechen separatist delega-

Russian tanks and troops stormed into Chechenya in December to crush the republic's three-year independence bid. Thousands of civilians, soldiers and rebel fighters have been killed in Russian bombing raids and

# munodeficiency virus (HIV), which causes AIDS, is thought to have originated in monkeys, although scientists are not sure how it spread to humans, The U.S. Food and Drug Administration still must approve the experiment, which will be done and only one person. But a team of researchers hopes to per-

tion said Saturday.
As talks resumed in the

Chechenya, during which he presented them with a Russian proposal to solve the thorny question of the breakaway republic's political sta-"We will not leave here.

on the same number. Several dozen paragraphs are still awaiting agreement." Earlier several Chechen

The talks are being held at the mission of the Organisa-tion for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE)

#### Liv Ulimann wants to give medal back to Chirac

STOCKHOLM (R) -Norwegian actress Liv Ullmann wants to return'a prestigious medal to French President Jacques Chirac in protest at France's decision to resume nuclear testing. Swedish daily Aftonbladet said. Ullmann, filming in Stockholm, sent a handwritten fax to Mr. Chirac m protest at the planned tests and said she would soon re-turn her French Order of Arts and Letters, the paper said. "Wouldn't you be the first to protest if a country far from your own decided to test its destructive might in your part of the wor

#### ac. Aftonbladet said. **Robot headed** to Mars named after black

WASHINGTON (AFP)  $\frac{2}{11}$ The first robot to visit Mars was named Sojourner in hog-our of an American black activist as the result of an international contest for school children. NASA annnunced Friday. Twelveyear-old Valerie Ambroise of Connecticut came up with the winning name inspired by So-journer Truth, who fought for civil rights during the American Civil War. Some nents participated in the National Aeronautics and (NASA) contest to name the six-wheeled robot recruited December 1996 for its seying month visit to the med

Ullmann wrote to Mr. Chir-

# activist

#### Switzerland. clashes on the ground. Terms of reference approved for study on regional traffic

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN - A sub-group of the multilateral phase of the Middle East peace process nn Saturday approved the terms of reference for a comprehensive study on regional

The infrastructure committee of the Regional Economic Development Working Grnup (REDWG), one of the five multilateral panels set up shortly after the launch of the Middle East peace process in October 1991, also recognised that "there were important rehabilitation and new investment projects required immediate attention and reviewed criteria for the selection of such projects," said a statement

released by the Ministry of Planning.
The statement did not give details of the discussions of the committee, which was meeting for the second time in Jordan in two months to give shape to key infrastructure projects of benefit to all parties in the Arab-Israeli

issued by the committee and

peace process. The infrastructure committee, meeting under the chairmanship of Ministry of Planning Secretary-General Nabil Ammari, includes the four "core" parties in the peace process - Jordan. Egypt. Israel and the Palestinians as well as the European Union, the U.S. and several

other countries. The study on regional traffic is of key importance to

drawing up a comprehensive strategy to meet the rising demands of the region as the state of peace sets in among the Arabs and Israelis. "The study will provide a

model of traffic flows, estimates of the costs of various modes of transport - road. rail and maritime - and, on the basis of this research, an estimate of the likely traffic flows for specific modes and routes," said the statement. This analysis will be crucial in planning future regional investments in the trans-

port sector," it noted. One of the projects in the transport sector is a highway linking Egypt's Taba sea reson with Eilat and Aqaba. Other projects include an ambitious Jordanian programme to upgrade and expand its railroads and expand the Aqaba scaport facilities. Israel and Egypt have their own projects, but the feasibil-

ity of all proposals have to be determined in light of the findings of the reginnal traffic study, which is financed by the European Union (EU). The Ministry of Planning said that the meening agreed that "resources in the transport sector, both domestically-generated and

must be applied in a manner which will secure the best possible to support the economic and social development of the region. "The (regional traffic),

external, are limited and

study. designed to provide a reliable forecast of the effects of the peace process on regional transport flow, will help ensure that these investments can be focused un the most efficient and costeffective modes of transport and routes."

The meeting "expresses its appreciation" of the European Commission, the executive arm of the European Union, for the efforts "which have made to prepare the terms of reference and urged that the study he implemented as a matter of urgenev. This particular emphasis

was taken as a implicit reference to the fact that regional infrastructure projects, including transport projects. are expected to be discussed in detail at the Middle East and North Africa economic summit to be held in October in Amman, The meeting agreed that

unless new investment projects "are critically dependent on other investment decisions relating overall regional planning nr preempt broader development options, their implementation should not be delayed." That referred to the pro-

taking into account the regional dimension.

jects individually drawn up by fordan, Israel, Egypt and the Palestinians with a semiregional dimension. According to officials, if any of the 3.5(x) youths on five contiparties wanted to go ahead with a project, which also have a national character but Space Administration's is part of a regional structure, it should go ahead and implement the project without for the first mission to Marswaiting for the deliberations Sojourner will take off in of the working group hul

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